Dye to receive Old Tom Morris Award

ATLANTA — The GCSAA will present its annual Old Tom Morris Award to golf course architect Pete Dye at this year's conference in Atlanta. The presentation will be Saturday, Feb. 15, at the GCSAA's dinner.

Dye, 76, is a former president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects. He has been recovering from surgery for colon cancer performed in December. According to reports, during a routine exam on Dec. 12, doctors found a malignant tumor and later removed it.

A GCSAA spokesman said it was unclear whether Dye would be on hand in Atlanta to receive his award in person.

During his career, which spans six decades, Dye has designed more than 100 courses in the United States. Last year, he completed a redesign of the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island Resort in Kiawah, S.C., which made the course more walkable (GCN, Oct. 2002). Dye was a driving force behind the renovation of the course, which he designed in 1991 to host the Ryder Cup.

"Without a doubt, the only way to experience the natural beauty and grandeur of the Ocean Course is to walk it," Dye said.

Among Dye's most notable designs are The Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.; Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind.; The Honors Golf Club in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Brickyard Crossing in Indianapolis, Ind. and; Old Marsh in North Palm Beach, Fla.

Dye is best known for his use of island greens, pot bunkers and his use of railway ties in bulkhead construction.

The Old Tom Morris Award is given annually to an individual who "through a continuing lifetime commitment to the game of golf has helped mold the welfare of the game in a manner and style exemplified by Old Tom Morris."

Past winners include Arnold Palmer, Robert Trent Jones, Tom Fazio, Byron Nelson and Ben Crenshaw.

Center for Resource Management honored with president's award

ATLANTA — The Center for Resource Management (CRM) has earned the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) 2003 President's Award for Environmental Stewardship in recognition of its coordination of the Golf and the Environment initiative.

CRM executive vice president Paul Parker will be presented with the award by GCSAA president Michael Wallace, CGCS. Feb. 13 at the golf general session during GCSAA's 74th International Golf Course Conference and Show here.

The President's Award for Environmental Stewardship was established in 1991 to recognize "an exceptional environmental contribution to the game of golf; a contribution that further exemplifies the golf course superintendent's image as a steward of the land." The selection is made by the GCSAA board of directors.

CRM, based in Portsmouth, N.H., specializes in research, evaluation, training, technology integration and software development for state education and human service agencies, professional associations, foundations, businesses and community-based service organizations at the national, regional, state and local levels. The center conducts its work on research-based knowledge from relevant fields as well as information about the factors and conditions affecting organizations. CRM's approach emphasizes collaboration and capacity-building.

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