FRIENDS OF GOLFDOM

Our hat is off to Harold Baldwin, Georgia GC SA President 1963-64, who passed away last October at the age of 91. Baldwin was elected to the inaugural Georgia GC SA Hall of Fame class (along with Palmer Maples Jr., CGCS, Randy Nichols, CGCS, and Charlie Underwood). Baldwin passed away days after learning of his election.

Baldwin was a veteran of World War II, having fought in the Battle of the Bulge. We’re thrilled to see that Baldwin, a 50-year veteran of the turf industry, was a proud reader of Golfdom, as evidenced by the copy on his desk.

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Lyons Hit by Truck

On Dec. 20th, Dennis Lyon, CGCS-Retired, was hit by a small pickup truck while he was walking his dog.

Lyon suffered serious injuries. He remains in serious but stable condition at the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora. According to the family, the majority of his injuries are bone fractures, some of which will have to heal on their own over time. Lyon suffered fractures in his back, collar bone, upper left arm, pelvis, ribs and tail bone.

“Needless to say this accident came as a shock to all of us,” Michael Osley, CGCS at Saddle Rock Golf Course in Aurora, Colo., told Golfdom. “Dennis has had such a huge impact on so many people here in Colorado and within the golf industry. Dennis had just retired last December to enjoy what he described as the ‘2G network’ — golf and grandkids. My thoughts and daily prayers will be for Dennis and his family for the strength, support and love he will need during his recovery.”

A Caring Bridge website has been set up to keep friends and colleagues of Lyon apprised of his condition. Visit http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/dennislyon1 to visit the site. There is also a guest book to sign for visitors wanting to wish him well.

Lyon, who worked 37 years for the city of Aurora, was the president of GCSAA in 1989.

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