USGA President Reed Mackenzie Named To World Amateur Golf Council Post

Far Hills, N.J. - Reed Mackenzie, newly elected president of the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association (USGA), has been named to succeed Trey Holland as the joint chairman of The World Amateur Golf Council (WAGC), the organization has announced. Previously, he served for two years as the USGA Delegate to the WAGC Administrative Committee.

Mackenzie, of Chaska, Minn., becomes a joint chairman of the organization along with Neil Crichton, chairman of the general committee of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews (R&A). As joint chairmen, the two will work closely with the women's chairman of the WAGC, Vicky Whyte of Brazil, and the joint secretaries of the WAGC: Peter Dawson, secretary of the R&A, and David Fay, the executive director of the USGA.

"I am looking forward to working with my counterpart, Neil Crichton, in co-chairing the WAGC," Mackenzie said. "Since the inception of the WAGC, the USGA and the R&A have worked closely to promote amateur golf as a worldwide game which can and does provide spirited competition combined with the highest level of sportsmanship. I hope the WAGC will continue to be a vehicle for the promotion of international goodwill."

Mackenzie, 59, who served four years as vice president and a year each as treasurer and secretary, has been a member of the USGA Executive Committee since January 1992. In 1991, he was general chairman for the U.S. Open at his home course of Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn.

Professionally, he is president of Mackenzie & Hallberg, PA, law firm in Minneapolis, specializing in personal injury litigation with an emphasis on medical negligence. He is a 1965 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and received a law degree in 1968 from the University of Minnesota.

He and his wife, Jane, have three daughters: Rachael, Emily and Joanna.

The WAGC was founded in 1958 to encourage the international development of the game and to employ golf as a vehicle to foster friendship and sportsmanship. Recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the official international federation for golf, the WAGC comprises the national governing bodies of golf in nearly 100 countries.

As one of its main functions, the WAGC conducts the World Amateur Team Championships for women and men on a biennial basis. Future championships are scheduled for 2002 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and 2004 in Puerto Rico.

For more information on the WAGC, contact Stephanie Parel, WAGC joint deputy secretary, at (908) 234-2300 (USA).

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