

GCSAA NEWS

The 55th International Turfgrass Conference and Show sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in Las Vegas, January 28th to February 3rd was record setting with 9,000 persons attending from around the world.

California GCSA was well represented and was fortunate to be supported by their many friends in the industry who contributed to the California room. They are

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Even though our candidate for director, Robert H. Ford, CGCS did not get elected he was very appreciative of the support and encouragement he received from all members from California. His exposure to National politics

places him in a very good position to win in '85. We are proud of Bob's performance and wish him well in the future.

Elected to serve as 1984 president was James W. Timmerman, CGCS of Orchard lake CC, Bloomfield, Michigan; Eugene D. Baston, CGCS from the Country Club of Birmingham, Alabama was elected as vice president. Others elected were James W. Taylor, CGCS, West Virginia; John E. Laake, CGCS, Columbus, Ohio, and Riley L. Stottern, CGCS, of Park City, Utah.

THANK YOU to "A Patch of Green" publication of Michigan & Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association for the following

Golf's "Old Tom Morris Award" Goes to Bob Hope

Bob Hope has been selected to receive the Old Tom Morris Award from the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America. The award is one of the most exclusive major honors in the world of golf. Selection of award winners is made on an unscheduled periodic basis, and Hope will be only the second recipient. The first was Arnold Palmer. In announcing the selection of Hope, GCSAA President Robert W. Osterman also outlined the background of the award: "This Association established the Old Tom Morris Award to satisfy the need for a significant international honor that would help identify with the true heritage and traditional founding of the game. 'Old Tom' Morris - the first 'superstar' of golf

- was a greenkeeper, golf professional, club and ball maker, golf course architect and accomplished player who won four British Open Championships between 1861 and 1867.

In response to notification that he had been chosen to receive the award, Hope recalled that back in 1939 he had personally shot movies of Old Tom's headstone at St. Andrew's Cemetery (Scotland). "I've never seen a headstone with a fellow in a golf pose before." Hope said, "but it sure pleases a lot of us."

If anyone has helped to immortalize the golf swing, it's surely Bob Hope. He has swung a golf club on more stages than most people have on golf courses. His swing has taken

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