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.

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**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
him literally around the world—many, many times.
Selection of Hope as the second recipient of the Old Tom Morris Award was entirely in keeping with the intent of the award, according to GCSAA President Osterman: "Besides being a 'superstar' in his own time, much like 'Old Tom,' Bob Hope has displayed a continuing, selfless commitment to golf and further the welfare of the game in a manner similar to that of 'Old Tom.' Bob Hope's promotion of the game around the world—and the continuing popularity of his own Bob Hope Desert Classic—provide highly visible evidence of his commitment to the game and its continued welfare."
More than a thousand highly prestigious awards and citations have been presented to Hope. The presentation of the Old Tom Morris Award completes the "Grand Slam" of golf awards which includes his

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previously collected honors of the USGA's Bobby Jones Award in 1978 (jointly with Bing Crosby), the Golf Writers Richardson Award in 1953 and his recent induction into the Golf Hall of Fame at Pinehurst.

Hope is scheduled to receive the award during GCSAA's International Turfgrass Conference and Show to be held in Las Vegas, Nev., Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 1984. The presentation will be made at GCSAA's annual banquet the evening of Feb. 3 at the MGM Grand Hotel.

GCSAA is a professional association 5,500 strong, representing golf course superintendents in the United States, Canada and 25 other countries. The Association-sponsored annual conference and Show is the premier international event in professional turfgrass management, and GCAA's monthly magazine - Golf Course Management - is the leading publication in its field.

**NEWS**

He has starred in 60 movies; been honored by the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences - but he has never won an Oscar. He has played scores of bumbling, cowardly fast talkers, yet he is the “hero” who brought laughter and cheers to the troops on the battlefields of three wars.

Although he is not particularly known as a singer, he has introdced more than thirty popular songs to the public and has made “Thanks For The Memory” and “Buttons And Bows” famous the world over.

Through humor he has tempered with the country’s ‘sacred cows.’ He’s hailed as America’s best loved comedian. He holds 45 honorary doctorates (at last count); has written and published eight books, but he never finished college.

He has entertained and been honored by nine presidents; been courted by royalty and dined with international leaders; yet he speaks for and to the heart of a common man.

He’s America’s most visible patriot and he wasn’t even born here.

A golf tournament is named for him. Hospitals, schools, theatres, and even flowers are dedicated to him. He’s numbered among the top ten most admired men of the 20th Century by the adults and teenagers of four generations.

He is called ‘Mr. Humanitarian’ and ‘America’s most prized ambassador of goodwill throughout the world,’ the ‘King of Comedy’ and the ‘Chairman of America Humor.’ But the monicker that encompasses the whole man is ‘Mr. Entertainment.’ For indeed, he is total; the ultimate entertainer. He has triumphed in all five major show business media - vaudeville, stage, motion pictures, radio and television. Yet, he reminds people that he was once a song and dance man who was compelled to take second billing to Siamese twins and trained seals.

In the entire history of show business, no individual has traveled so far - so often - to entertain so many.

His name is Bob Hope.

**BOB HOPE FACT SHEET – 1983**

Born: Eltham, England - May 29, 1903

Raised: Cleveland, Ohio - since age 4.

Educated: Cleveland Public Schools

Married: Dolores Reade - Feb. 19, 1934, in Erie, Pennsylvania


Residence: North Hollywood, Calif.; Palm Springs, California

Early Career: Dance instructor, clerk, amateur boxer, newspaper reporter

Show Business Debut: Dancing act with partner George Byrne, in a Fatty Arbuckle Revue.