

Historical preservation group meets

The history of American golf is rich and storied, but the role of the superintendent and the evolution of course management remains the game's greatest untold tale.

In order to effectively tell that story and to preserve its own 68-year history, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) convened a meeting of a special Historical Preservation Resource Group. The group's mission is to identify elements of the association's and profession's history that need to be preserved and highlighted.

Each individual in the group carries with him some very special qualifications. Between them, these living legends of the industry represent nearly five centuries of GCSAA membership:

- Joseph M. Duich, Ph.D. (18 years GCSAA member)
- Melvin B. Lucas Jr., CGCS (32 years)
- Palmer Maples Jr., CGCS (35 years)
- John Mascaro (7 years)
- Thomas C. Mascaro (47 years)
- Sherwood A. Moore, CGCS (56 years)
- Arthur A. Snyder, CGCS (66 years)
- John J. Spodnik (36 years)
- Eberhard Steiniger, CGCS (63 years)
- Charles H. Tadge, CGCS (35 years)
- James R. Watson, Ph.D. (36 years)
- Robert M. Williams (53 years)

Williams, Moore, Spodnik, Maples, Tadge and Lucas are all past presidents of the association. Duich (1976), Thomas Mascaro (1976), Williams (1977), Snyder (1978), Moore (1982), Watson (1983), Steiniger (1988) and Spodnik (1994) are recipients of GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award. Moore and Watson are winners of GCSAA's Old Tom Morris Award.

Maples, Snyder, Steiniger and Watson were unable to attend the meeting.

GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, a 25-year member of the association, is chairman of the Historical Preservation Resource Group.

Clay Loyd, retired GCSAA director of communications and publications, also is a member of the resource group. Loyd has been retained by GCSAA to write a book on the association's history.

On Oct. 15, the group toured the National Collegiate Association of America Visitors Center in Overland Park, Kan., to review how that organization has preserved and displayed the history of collegiate athletics.

The following day, the group met at GCSAA headquarters to continue their discussion about where and how to preserve and display GCSAA's rich history. They also started generating ideas about where to begin research and data collection.

The resource group will provide specific direction and will serve as an ongoing resource for a parallel GCSAA staff task force.

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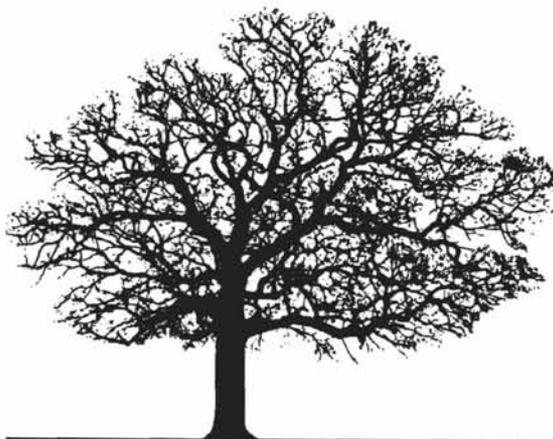


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