

Golf Course Builders Association of America Says "I Love New York"

This year's GCBAA summer meeting, held September 10-14, was a huge hit. Not only did we have more than 200 participants, but we also enjoyed an amazing view. Generally speaking, the GCBAA meeting site follows the PGA championship location, and this year's championship brought us to the Big Apple. Our headquarters location was conveniently situated in New Jersey, with a spectacular view of the Manhattan skyline. The opening cocktail reception allowed a view of the city from daylight, to sunset, to the illumination of all the skyscrapers. It was incredible and yet very heart-wrenching as it highlighted a very graceful reminder of Ground Zero: total darkness.



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Sharon with Lori Klumpner
and Ellen Davis of Greensmix.



Steve Young of Peat, Inc. with
Chris Osborne and Terry Gwinn
of BEST SANDS.

The next morning (September 11), I was awakened by the sound of bagpipes playing "Amazing Grace" outside my window. At first I thought, what a strange wake-up call, and then I realized the date and it made my eyes start to well up. I quickly got ready to attend the opening presentation being held downstairs. Once again, I heard the bagpipers. Their music graced the audience as they paraded in to open the educational seminars. We then witnessed a presentation put on by the Jersey City Fire Department. I am sure not many people know this, but they were one of the first units to respond to the World Trade Center attacks. It was certainly a privilege to hear a man speak of trying to save lives and yet make sure he arrived safely back to his family. As I looked around, there wasn't a dry eye in the house . . . how could there be when there was the dim reminder of Ground Zero within all of our eyesight?

Opening remarks came from representatives of all facets of golf: Tommy Sasser, president of the GCBAA; our own Steve Mona of the GCSAA; Tom Marzolf, ASCGA; Bob Scott of the ASIC; Mike Tinkey, NCGOA; Dave Oatis of the USGA; and Brian Whitcomb of the PGA of America.



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