



Attending dedication ceremonies for the Shrine Gardens at the PGA/World Golf Hall of Fame were, from left, Peter Stillwell, Hall of Fame director; John Szafranski and Mike Hoffman, Toro executives; and Randy Nichols, board member of the GCSAA.

Toro honors superintendents with garden in Hall of Fame

Shrine Gardens, the area of the PGA/World Golf Hall of Fame recognizing the service and contributions of golf course superintendents, were formally dedicated Nov. 2 in ceremonies at the facility in Pinehurst, N.C.

The Toro Co. of Bloomington, Minn., is founding sponsor of the four-acre, \$160,000 project begun in April, 1988, to replace a moat that had encircled the shrine area.

"Golf course superintendents are key members of the golfing industry," said Mike Hoffman, Toro's director of marketing for commercial products.

"They have made and continue to make major contributions to the game. We hope they will receive the recognition in this special hall of fame that they have earned through hard work, expertise and dedication to the game."

The garden features two two large topiaries—a putterboy and a golf ball—plus the flowered logotypes of the GCSAA and PGA of America. Nearly 500 truckloads of earth were required to complete the project, which will involved thousands of seasonal plantings.

The World Golf Hall of Fame was

established in 1974 and, after a nine-year financial struggle for survival, was taken over by the PGA of America, which administers the 17-acre facility and its priceless collection of golf memorabilia.

Two golf course superintendents—Old Tom Morris and Young Tom Morris—and two architects—Donald Ross and Robert Trent Jones—are among the Hall's 55 enshrinees.

Modern-era inductees are nominated by members of the Golf Writers Association of America. Pre-modern era inductees are nominated by a special committee appointed by the president of the PGA of America and the GWAA. To be inducted, a nominee must receive 75 percent of the ballots cast by the senior members of the GWAA.



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