

NGF travel card could mean big savings

National Golf Foundation members can now save significantly on their golf-related travel expenditures.

The NGF is offering a new travel service benefit that means discounts ranging from 35 to 65 percent on selected air fares, as well as from 10 to 30 percent on hotel and car-rental rates.

Unrestricted, unpublished discounts of between 40 and 65 percent off regular coach rates are included. No penalties are imposed on last-minute changes and no

Saturday night layovers are required.

NGF says several major airlines are participating in the program and more than 25 hotels and motels are offering discounts of between 10 and 30 percent.

National Car Rental is offering discounts on all its vehicle rentals, from economy cars to minivans and wagons. Discounts of 22 percent off the published counter rates are available during the week. National Car Rental consistently offers weekend specials, and those

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using the travel card can obtain an additional 7-percent discount off these weekend specials.

The package is being offered through Worldtek Travel, whose

president, Ken Luciani, said, "The NGF has a membership which spans the entire golf industry. This makes the foundation the logical organization to offer this new travel service."

South T. Smith, NGF vice president of membership services, said members soon will receive their travel service wallet card if they haven't already. NGF members may use two toll-free numbers (800-243-3180 during business hours and 800-243-1723 after hours) to make their

reservations.

Worldtek will deliver the airline tickets to the customer via overnight service. NGF member companies and associations may opt to have a ticketing machine in their offices for their convenience.

NGF members with larger yearly travel budgets are entitled to the services of a full-time travel representative at an in-house travel service center at no cost.

People may contact Smith at NGF's Jupiter, Fla., headquarters for more information.

Who's participating

Airlines participating in the National Golf Foundation's travel service program, which is similar to the PGA and LPGA programs, are:

- American
- Continental
- Delta
- Northwestern
- TWA

Hotels and motels offering discounts in the plan are:

- Amsac
- Best Western
- Crest
- Doubletree
- Forum
- Hilton
- Howard Johnson's
- Hyatt
- LaQuinta
- Lincoln
- Marriott
- Midway Motor Lodges
- Othon
- Quality Inns
- Radisson
- Ramada Inns
- Red Roof
- Sheraton
- Sonesta
- Steigenberger
- Stouffers
- Super 8
- Viscount (at JFK)
- Westin

Ross 1,000th CGCS super

Ronald M. Ross of Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln, Neb., is the 1,000th active member to earn the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) designation.

Ross has been superintendent of the 18-hole private club since July 1984. Previous posts were at the Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester, Mich., and Grand Hotel Golf Course in Mackinac Island, Mich.

GCSAA instituted the certification program in 1971 as a means of recognizing outstanding and progressive course superintendents.

To become certified, a candidate must have five years' experience, pass a rigorous six-hour examination testing knowledge of the game and rules of golf, turfgrass, pest control, financial and organizational management and the history, ethics, purpose and procedures of GCSAA.

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