Taylor to be honored

Richard S. "Dick" Taylor, editor and vice president of Golf World magazine, has been selected by the American Society of Golf Course Architects to receive its 1989 Donald Ross Award,

Taylor will receive the award at the ASGCA's annual meeting April 3 at the Pinehurst, N. C., Hotel.

ASGCA President Pete Dye said the society was honoring Taylor for his "more than 40 years of outstanding golf writing, particularly for noting the contributions the country's golf course architects have made to the game by constantly striving to provide the best possible courses for the golfing public."

Dye said Taylor understands "the problems the experienced golf course architect faces in today's

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marketplace with its complex site, environmental and real estate restrictions, and he has written extensively about the knowledge and ability necessary to transform a barren piece of land into a challenging but fair test of golf.

Taylor has been editor and vice president of Golf World for 26 years. Prior to joining the golf publication, he was golf editor of the Palm Beach, Fla., Post for 14 years.

He was born in Indianapolis, Ind., attended Butler University there, was a pilot in World War II, and began his journalism career as a feature writer for the Tampa, Fla., Times.

The Ross nominee, a past president of the Golf Writers Association of America, was its secretary for seven years and a board member for 20 years. He twice won the association's writing contest in the magazine division. He also is a member of the Association of Golf Writers (Britain), and an honorary member of the Australian GWA.

In his golf writing career, Taylor has seen the world, its courses and players many times over. He is a member of the Board of Governors of Pinehurst No. 7 Club, a member of Pinehurst CC and Pine Needles Resort, which he considers his home course; Pinehurst National Golf Club; and honorary member of Ballybunion, Ireland, for his initial efforts to raise funds for the club's erosion-prevention project; Guadalajara Country Club in Mexico, and Waitangi GC, Bay-of-Island, in New Zealand.

"This honor is the most meaningful of my life," Taylor said.

Previous award-winners include architects Robert Trent Jones and Geoffrey Cornish; journalists Herbert Warren Wind, Peter Dobereiner and Charles Price; publishers Herb and Joe Graffis; association executive Joe Dey; British association executive Gerald Micklem; agronomist Al Radko; entertainer and golf enthusiast Dinah Shore; PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beman; and USGA Senior Executive Director Frank Hannigan.

Pete Dye

Dye envisions tackling wetlands regulations

Pete Dye of Delray Beach, Fla., president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, says the association's annual meeting in April will focus on water usage and the environmental impact on wetlands of building golf courses.
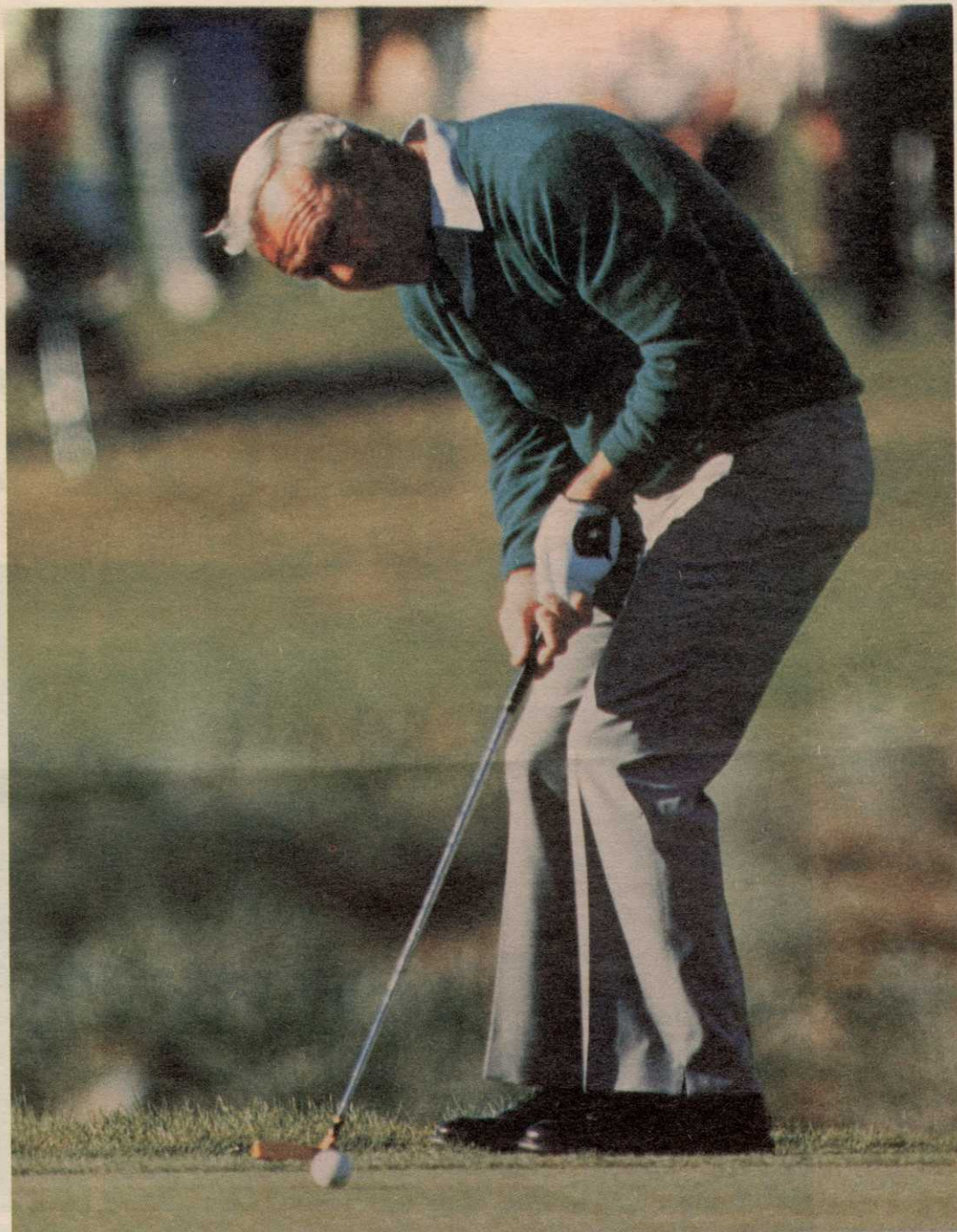
Golf course architects everywhere are being confronted with environmental regulations regarding wetlands — thought by many to be a misnomer because even hollows of land containing puddles have been designated wetlands.

The April session will educate architects how to work around the wetlands and protect them, yet still build a golf course.

In some cases, golf courses can improve wetlands, some of which are stagnant or even sewages.

Government officials will explain the regulations and how architects can deal with them and complete the permit procedure to build a course.