



After a round at Spanish Bay's golf course, ASGCA honoree John Zoller, left, relaxes with, from left, new society member Jack Nicklaus, outgoing President Robert Trent Jones Jr. and past President Pete Dye.

Tingle named GCA president

Fred Tingle, owner of Springdale Country Club in Canton, N.C., was elected president of GCA for 1990-91, succeeding vice president Peter Trenchard.

Other officers elected at the annual conference were Vice President Jeff Hoag, owner of Scott Lake Country Club in Comstock, Mich.; and Secretary-Treasurer Gibson Lunt, owner of Lake Shore Golf Center in Rochester, N.Y.

Tingle's Springdale Country Club is one of GCA's founding members.

Tingle has served on the board of directors since 1986 and was co-chairman of GCA's Annual Conference in Naples, Fla. He has been a leading advocate of GCA's involvement with

other allied associations.

"The world of golf is changing so quickly that GCA can achieve many of its long-term goals by cooperating with certain initiatives of other associations," Tingle said. "In this way we can lend our insights and assistance to larger organizations that have the memberships to command attention while we represent our own members' interests."

The board of directors has directed GCA representation on task forces on tax equalization and environmental concerns, and attendance at the Allied Associations of Golf, PGA Annual Meeting, National Golf Foundation meetings, and major golf conferences.

Wilmot gives ASPA \$5,000

Frank Wilmot, owner/operator of Summit Hall Turf Farm in Poolesville, Md., won the door prize of \$5,000 in grass seed at the mid-winter conference of the American Sod Producers Association, then donated \$5,000 to the organization to fund research.

Earlier in the conference, ASPA's leadership had announced that the organization would become more involved in programs that demonstrate the environmental benefits of turfgrass.

Spaeth stresses affordability

United States Golf Association President C. Grant Spaeth called on golf course architects at their annual conference in March to help make golf available "across the board" to Americans.

Speaking at the annual Donald Ross Dinner of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, Spaeth, a Palo Alto, Calif., attorney elected in January, said: "It is my hope, and belief, and prayer that (at the USGA's 100th anniversary in 1995) we can all say that — between today and then — we will have made it possible for more Americans to join in the challenges of playing the game of golf..."

"I call it playable golf at reasonable prices. I happen to think that it matters in our country that this opportunity be made available across the board."

He said he wasn't sure exactly how the architects could help.

"I don't know whether it's a pro bono (for the public good) assignment. I don't know whether it's simply an adjunct to your normal work. I don't know whether it's being on the city council or the board of supervisors in your community. But there's no question about the importance of your participating, pushing, being creative in causing golf to be made available to more Americans," Spaeth said.

"Maybe this is something you could think about discussing at the next meeting of this wonderful society."

Zoller

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whether a regional golf association should be in the golf business... In my opinion we should not compete with private enterprise. But if a shortage of golf holes exists — as is the case in many areas in Northern California — then perhaps it has a place in golf."

Golf is 90 years old in this country, Zoller said, adding: "What about the next 90 years? There is no question in my mind that golf is the best-run, best-organized, best-administered of all sports activities. And professional groups like golf architects can only make it better."

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