

Director McLoughlin \$1.4M; appeal expected

Council to try to work this out from within...and they didn't," Lucas said.

"I feel glad Jim has won. The settlement is sizable and I don't feel good about that. But they certainly had many years to digest a lot of very good information. They had opportunities to reverse some of these things and it wouldn't have gone this far."

Lucas said he holds no grudges, is always well received in GCSAA circles, and is as active as probably any past president. "Which isn't very active," he added.

As for McLoughlin, he said he was without a job for four years after leaving the GCSAA, because of harmful written and oral statements made against him mainly by three GCSAA officials.

He started The McLoughlin Group, a golf consulting business, in 1984. But it has taken him seven years to re-establish himself in the golf industry, he said.

"Every association in golf dropped me from their long-standing committees," he said. "This lawsuit will hopefully change that."

McLoughlin said: "The awarding of punitive damages tells the golf community that this was deliberate and intended to do harm... You cannot whitewash punitive

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damage and you can't whitewash \$1.4 million.

"Money is one thing and it obviously helps me compensate for certain things. But the thing I wanted most was a verdict of a sufficient sum and nature that tells the golf community: 'There was no wrongdoing by McLoughlin. McLoughlin did the right things. The people around him did the right things.' We have that. They can never take away the statement made by the jury.

McLoughlin said one of the reasons the trial lasted nearly four weeks was because each and every allegation made against him was put before the jury and refuted by a combination of written documents and testimony from 26 witnesses. The former GCSAA executive director said, "We won on every one of these issues — leaving abso-

lutely no wrongdoing allegation against me, or the administrations I served."

McLoughlin applauded the few people who "stood up and confronted the storm when it was very unpopular to do so... Not only am I pleased for myself, but also for them."

He singled out Lucas, Bavier and Wyllie; the late Don Rossi, who was executive director of the Golf Course Builders of America and Golf Cart Manufacturers Association; Robert MacNally, president of Tommy Armour Golf and a board member of the National Golf Foundation; National Club Association Executive Vice President Gerald Hurley; Massachusetts Golf Association Executive Director Dick Haskell; USGA Western Regional Affairs Manager Ron Reed of Pebble Beach, Calif.; USGA ex-Communications Director John Morris; and Chuck Martineau, superintendent at McLoughlin's home, Whippoorwill Club in Armonk, N.Y.

"Unfortunately, there has been a cloud over this part of the profession for eight years. Everybody's had to choose one side or the other. That cloud will be gone shortly... I have a high regard for the profession. I have a high regard for the GCSAA... Now I hope I'll have an opportunity to work

closely in that area again.

"It's time to go on and do the

good things golf is all about. This makes all of that possible."

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