

Jemsek to receive Builders Association's Rossi award

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA) has chosen Joe Jemsek to receive the annual Donald Rossi Humanitarian Award.

Jemsek, who owns eight golf courses and is called "Mr. Public Golf" in Chicago, will receive the honor at the GCBA's annual banquet in January during the International Golf Course Conference and Show in Anaheim, Calif.

"We're excited about this award," said GCBA Executive Director Phillip Arnold. "Joe Jemsek is loved throughout the industry and has done a number of humanitarian things for years without compensation. He was also very close to Don (Rossi) and I'm sure Ruth (Rossi's widow) will be thrilled."

The 79-year-old Chicagoan has



Joe Jemsek

been involved in charitable causes for four decades. He staged the first National Golf Day at his Cog Hill Golf Course in 1952, drawing 10,000 spectators to see the likes of Bob Hope, Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin. The event became an annual fund-raiser for the PGA

of America.

Accolades have been pouring in on Jemsek for years. In 1991 his family received the Jack Nicklaus Family Golf Award presented by the National Golf Foundation (NGF) and Joe was named Professional Golfer of the Year by the PGA of America and elected to the Chicago Sports Hall of Fame.

Jemsek has served on the United States Golf Association's Executive Committee, received the first Herb Graffis Award from

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the NGF in 1977, and was named Illinois PGA Pro of the Year by the Illinois PGA in 1987.

He originated the first television golf series, "Pars, Birdies and Eagles," in 1949 and started "All-

Star Golf," the first TV golf series broadcast nationally, in 1952.

His Cog Hill, St. Andrews, Pine Meadow and Glenwoodie golf courses are considered among the best public facilities in America.

Jaworski rebuffed on golf course purchase

MANTUA TOWNSHIP, N.J. — A pass at purchase of the Pitman Golf Course by former Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski recently was knocked down by course trustees, but Jaworski maintains a grip on the club via a one-year management lease due to end in three months.

A plan by owners to build houses on a portion of the 274-acre tract triggered county interest in acquiring, not only the course, but surrounding wooded areas it wishes to keep undeveloped.

Former Wenonah Mayor Jack Sheppard, who represents the trustees, said proposals are being sought for managing the course in 1993 or beyond.

Texas town honors Bredemus design

On the heels of the rededication of a Donald Ross track near the Louisiana border, Temple, "Wildflower Capital" of the Lone Star State, did the same on Sept. 10.

In this case, central Texas golfers renewed their interest in the nine-hole Temple Junior College Golf Course. The course sits on property between Olin Teague V.A. Hospital and the campus.

Temple JCGC has an incomparable history and was originally designed by the same man who designed Ft. Worth's Colonial Country Club — John Bredemus.

Golf Enterprises to open practice facility

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Golf Enterprises will open Hollywood Park Golf Academy and Family Sports Center this fall. The state-of-the-art golf center will be in Inglewood, next to Hollywood Park Race Track, one of the premier race tracks in the world.

