

Wiren receives course owners Award of Merit

ORLANDO, Fla. — Gary Wiren, a golf educator and a former national PGA staff director, received the National Golf Course Owners Association's Award of Merit at a luncheon in his honor at the NCGOA's recent annual monference.

The Award of Merit is given each year to recognize an individual or organization who has made a significant and long-term contribution to the game of golf and have made the game more popular.

A native of North Palm Beach, Wiren is a graduate of Huron College, has a master's degree from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. from the Univer-

sity of Oregon. He is a board member of the National Golf Foundation, American Junior Golf Association, and Children's Golf Foundation.

He has written or co-authored more than 160 magazine articles, seven books, has 13 film credits, and has taught golf to more than 250,000 people in 17 countries.

A master teacher at PGA National Golf Club, Wiren has received many golf awards, including the Joe Graffis Award for educational contributions to golf from the National Golf Foundation and the "Teacher of the Year" Award from the PGA of America

in 1987.

"Gary Wiren is simply one of the best people in our business," said Vince Alfonso Jr., president of the NCGOA. "He has made a tremendous contribution to the game and has a great feeling for the people who play golf. Through his seminars, books, and personal instruction he just might be responsible for helping more people get more fun out of this great game than anybody. He is a fine teacher and person. We are delighted to recognize him and provide him with our highest honor."



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Among the 90 educational sessions held at the CMAA meeting in Nashville were presentations by the GCSAA and PGA of America. The 409-booth Expo sold out in November. Next year's event is in San Antonio, Texas.

Managers meet in Nashville

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received a master's degree from Ohio State University and is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Boston College.

John R. Sullivan, general manager of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich., is immediate past president.

Newly elected to the board of directors is Thomas H. Anderson, general manager of the Oahu Country Club in

Honolulu. Anderson joined CMAA in 1978 and has served as president for the association's Paradise of the Pacific Chapter in both 1980 and 1988. He received an associate's degree from Los Angeles Community College and has taken hospitality courses at Michigan State and Cornell University.

Re-elected to the board is Edward Henderson, general manager of The Columbia Club in Indianapolis, Ind.

Henderson has served on the board since 1990 and has been a member of the association since 1961. He is a graduate of the School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University.

John A. Jordan, general manager of Cherokee Town & Country Club in Atlanta, Ga., was also re-elected to serve as national director. Jordan has been a member of the association since 1965 and has served on the board since 1990. He received a bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and institutional management from Michigan State University.

Also re-elected to the Board is W.H. "Bill" Kendall, general manager of Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Md. Kendall joined CMAA in 1969 and has been a member of the board since 1992. He received a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University in hotel and restaurant management.

Remaining on the board of directors are: Wiggo K. Anderson, general manager of the Riverchase Country Club in Birmingham, Ala.; George P. Carroll, general manager of the Town & Country Club in St. Paul, Minn.; Jay DiPietro, general manager and vice president of Boca West Country Club in Boca Raton, Fla.

Also, Randall A. Gudanowski, general manager of the Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes, N.J.; and Paul K. Skelton, general manager of Troon Golf & Country Club in Scottsdale, Ariz.

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