

Golf course builders gain certification through GCBA

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Co. (Gary Wieseler), Palmetto, Fla.; Rausch Golf (Dick Rausch), Brownwood, Texas; Ryan Inc. Central, of Janesville, Wis.; and Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. (Paul Eldridge), Plainfield, Ill.

In order to be certified, a company must establish that it has been in the golf course construction business for at least five years, and been the pri-

mary contractor on three complete golf course construction projects or the equivalent in the last five years.

It must also provide references from a financial institution, credit agency, insurance company, bonding company, and individuals in five of the following seven categories: owner/developer, golf course architect, engineer, irrigation designer, golf course superin-

tendent, municipality, or certified golf course builder.

The final steps in the certification process are a 100-question examination and an interview by the GCBA Certification Committee. Certification is an ongoing process and companies are recertified every year.

The GCBA is a non-profit trade organization founded in 1970, and composed of the

world's foremost golf course builders and leading suppliers to the golf course construction industry. Its members represent all segments of the golf course construction industry.

For more information on the GCBA or its certification program, contact Susan Monk, News Editor, GCBA, 920 Airport Road, Ste. 210, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514; 919-942-8922.

NGF officials hope InfoPacs make big impact on projects

JUPITER, Fla. — The National Golf Foundation (NGF) has introduced a new series of publications called InfoPacs, designed to provide the latest published information on a variety of important topics of interest to the golf industry.

InfoPacs are full-text collections of articles, reports and studies compiled by the NGF Library/Information Center. The first series of 25 InfoPacs was selected on the basis of the most popular of topics and on how much has been written about them.

They include such titles as: Slow Play Solutions, Computerizing Your Golf Facility, Promoting Your Golf Facility, Tournaments & Special Events, Increasing Your Pro Shop's Bottom Line, Clubhouse Design and Renovation, Accommodating Disabled Golfers, Golf Course Finance and Re-Finance and Marketing to Women.

For a complete list of InfoPacs or to place an order for an InfoPac, contact the Information Services Department of the NGF at 800-733-6006.

NGF brings guide books on golf ranges up to date

JUPITER, Fla. — The National Golf Foundation (NGF) has completed work on the second edition of its best-selling guidebook for golf course operators, investors and others interested in developing a commercial golf range.

Entitled "How To Plan, Build and Operate A Successful Golf Range," the 150-page book has twice the content material of the Foundation's original range book that was written with the help of more than 20 subject experts.

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