

Superintendents descend on Orlando



Did you know?... Orlando was originally named Jernigan, after an early South Georgia settler.

Williams to assume GCSAA presidency at Feb. 10 meeting

ORLANDO — Bruce R. Williams has been nominated for the presidency of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

The association's 1996 election of officers and directors is scheduled for Feb. 10, during its annual meeting at the GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show here.

Williams, the head superintendent at Bob O'Link Golf Club in Highland Park, Ill., currently serves as vice president.

The nominee for vice president is Paul S. McGinnis of Union Hills Country Club in Sun City, Ariz., the current secretary/treasurer.

The nominees for secretary/treasurer are Dave Fearis of Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City, Mo., and George Renault III of Burning Tree Club in Bethesda, Md.

Vying for two director positions are Paul A. Dermott of Oakdale Golf & Country Club in Downsview, Ontario, Canada; Ken Mangum of Atlanta Athletic Club in Duluth, Ga.; Samuel Snyder VII of Hercules Country Club in Wilmington, Del.; Robert J. Tillemma of Sherwood Forest Golf Club in Sanger, Calif.; Michael Wallace of Hop Meadow Country Club in Simsbury, Conn.; and R. Scott Woodhead of Valley View Golf Club in Bozeman, Mont. Both Wallace and Woodhead currently serve on the GCSAA board of directors. GCSAA directors serve a two-year term.

Fearis and Renault each have one year remaining on their current terms as directors. In accordance with GCSAA bylaws, the incoming president will make an appointment to fill the director's seat vacated by the successful candidate for secretary/treasurer.

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THE CAT'S MEOW?

Architect Tom Fazio, winner of this year's Old Tom Morris Award, took the atmosphere of Disney World to heart when he designed the putting and chipping green at the Disney-owned Osprey Ridge course, located at Bonnet Creek Golf Club in Orlando. The Morris award is the highest honor bestowed by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). Fazio is only the second architect to earn the distinction — Robert Trent Jones Sr. was the first, back in 1987. Fazio will be formally feted Saturday night, Feb. 10, as part of the GCSAA Gala '96 celebration.

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'Trivial Pursuit: Central Florida Edition' or 'How to survive a cocktail party'

By PETER BLAIS

ORLANDO — You're at one of the many receptions that are so much a part of the International Conference and Show and you've exhausted the last interesting thing you have to say about dollar spot or reel grinders.

Your current conversational partner begins glancing about the room, searching for someone who might not have heard his spiel about the latest in nematode eradication.

But you sort of like this guy and have no interest in seeking out another name tag to talk to:

"Hey," you chirp, "you ever wonder why the luggage tag they put on your Orlando-bound suitcase at the airport reads MCO rather than ORL?"

Caught slightly off guard, your new friend and his drink whirl around and he says, "Well, now that you mention it...."

Trivia to the rescue. Alex Trebek has made a million dollars from little-known facts. You're entitled to use the same ploy to get through a supplier's party.

Here are a few Orlando/Orange County Convention & Visitors Bureau-supplied facts about our host city that, at the very least, should help you win the bar bet to see who has to wait in

DID YOU KNOW?

Orlando is home to Tupperware Home Parties, which dedicated its headquarters here in 1951.

line to get the next drink.

- Orlando was named after Orlando Reeves, a soldier who was mortally wounded by a Seminole Indian's arrow while on sentinel duty. In fact, the area was originally called Jernigan, after a South Georgia rancher who settled here in 1843.

- Despite the seemingly endless orange and lemon groves around the city's perimeter, citrus is not native to America. It's believed the citrus trees found and cultivated by early settlers actually originated with the Spanish explorers who dropped the fruit as they wandered through the area in the early 16th century. At its peak in the 1950s, more than 80,000 acres were planted in citrus in Orange County.

- Orange County was originally named Mosquito County after the stinging insect some long-time Floridians still claim as the state bird. The name change occurred in 1845, well before the Visitors Bureau came into existence.

- The executives of the NBA's Orlando Magic ought to be playing Lotto every week. The Magic had a 1 in 6.6 chance of getting the first draft pick in the 1992 lottery. They won and came away with Shaquille O'Neal. A year later they were a longer shot — 66:1 —

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Work of Historical Preservation Committee on display in Orlando

FAR HILLS, N.J. — The Historical Preservation Committee of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has developed recommendations aimed at bringing continuity and permanence to GCSAA's historical preservation initiative.

Meeting at the headquarters of the United States Golf Association (USGA) here this winter, the committee also reviewed tasks completed in the past year. Since the group last met in October 1994, its status changed from resource group to an official GCSAA standing committee. This

change will create stability for the continuance of the group. Also in the past year, the Historical Preservation Committee:

- Established a historical display at GCSAA's 66th International Golf Course conference & Show in San Francisco.
- Videotaped interviews with key senior members of the association.
- Hired a librarian/archivist.
- Archived all copies of Golf Course Management magazine and its predecessors.
- Documented the historical items stored at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kan.

- Began a book on the history of the association.

- Introduced industry partners and manufacturers to the historical preservation initiative.

Ties with the USGA were strengthened with regard to preserving the common history of both associations.

Taken under consideration by the committee were the ideas of developing articles of incorporation, creating a more detailed strategic plan and committee standard operating procedure and increasing funding allocations through the budget.

Orlando Trivia: Cocktail fodder

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to get the top pick. They won again and, after making a deal with the Golden State Warriors who desperately wanted Chris Weber, ended up with stellar point guard Anfernee Hardaway. Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good.

- Tupperware Home Parties dedicated its first headquarters on 1,100 acres here in 1951.

Church Street Station is Florida's fifth-largest tourist attraction.

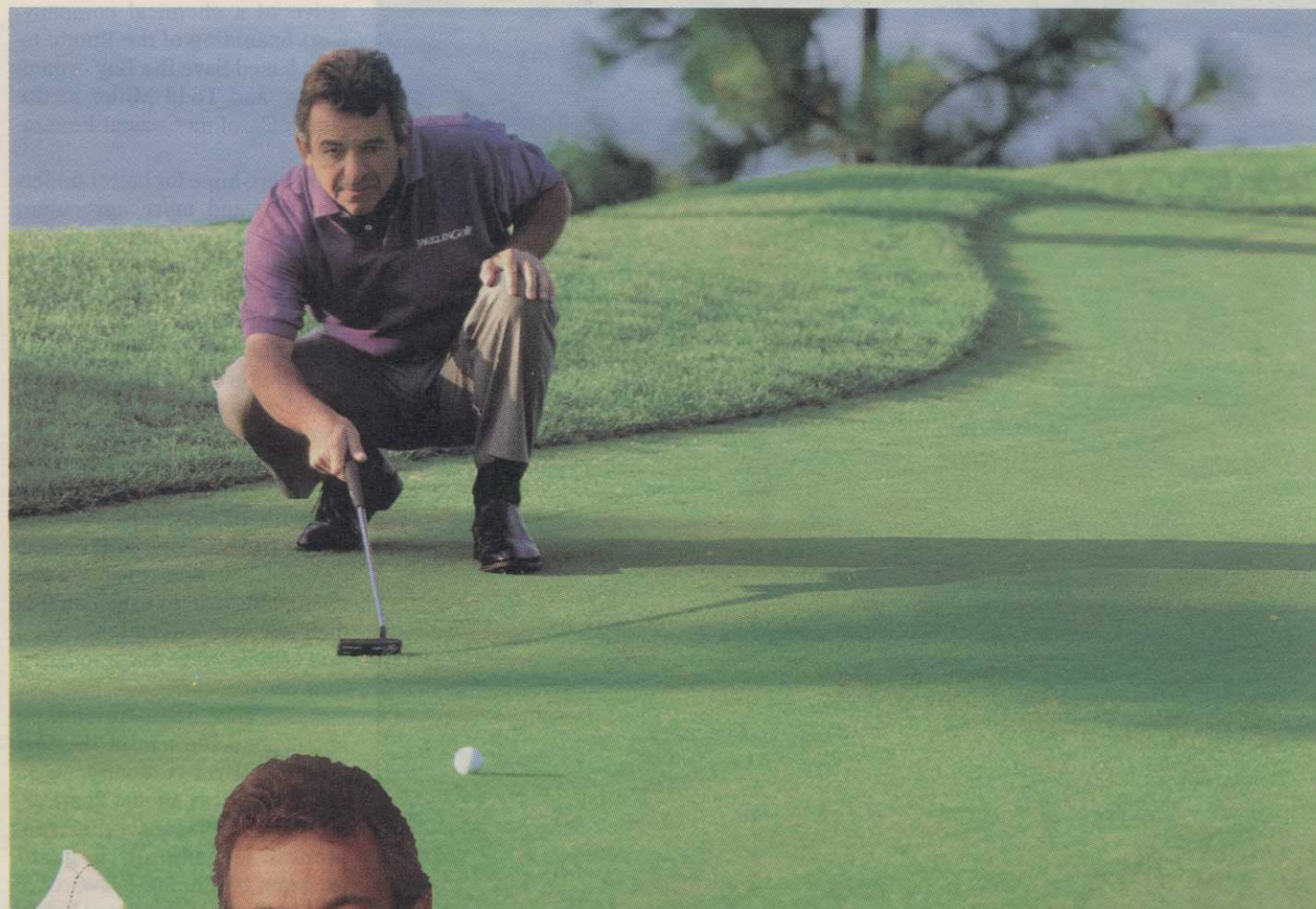
- On May 3, 1965, the first land purchases that would later become Walt Disney World included one for 8,380 acres of swamp and brush from Sen. Ira Benson. The cost was \$107 per acre. Disney opened in October 1971. Its 27,000 acres make it twice the size of Manhattan and cost Walt Disney a total of \$5 million. Pretty shrewd for a cartoonist.

- Orlando was unintentionally ahead of the curve when it came to voting rights. The city's first female voter was a woman who pretended to be a man all her life. The truth wasn't discovered until her death in 1914.

- In the past three months, Orlando has hosted Golf Course Expo, PGA Merchandise Show and the GCSAA International Conference and Show. Had enough? Do you think you won't be coming back here for awhile? Think again. More than 80 percent of Orlando's tourists return within three to five years.

- And lest we forget, until 15 years ago, Orlando's airport was a renovated facility at the end of McCoy Air Force Base, thus the MCO on your airline luggage tag.

Now, go get me that drink.



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GCSAA officers

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GCSAA's current president, Gary T. Grigg of Royal Poinciana Golf Club in Naples, Fla., will continue to serve on the board of directors for one year as immediate past president.

Joseph G. Baidy of Aca-cia Country Club in Lyndhurst, Ohio, whose one-year term as immediate past president expires, will end seven years' service on the GCSAA board.

Board member Tommy D. Witt of Wynstone Golf Club in North Barrington, Ill., has one year remaining on his current term.

GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show will be held Feb. 5-11 at the Orange County Convention Center.

Tony Jacklin is the winner of 14 PGA European Tour events (including the 1969 British Open) and 11 other international events (including the 1970 U.S. Open). Tony is also a four-time European Ryder Cup captain, and can be seen on the Senior PGA Tour.