

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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