

Ryangolf, Inc. joins Builders Association

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. — Ryangolf, a division of Ryan Inc. Eastern, has become a charter member of the Golf Course Builders Association of America. This move "enforces our uncompromised commitment to excellence that started when we built our first golf course in the 1960s," said Ryangolf Vice President Fidel J. Garcia.

The company this year completed jobs at Naples Heritage Club and Bonita Bay East in Naples, Cattails at Meadowview in Kingsport, Tenn., and Addison Reserve Third Nine in West Palm Beach.



Stan Zontek

GCBA's Rossi goes to Zontek

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of Wadsworth Golf Construction: "We hope this award will bring to light Stan's long and dedicated work in the industry."

Zontek is the longest-tenured USGA employee and has served as regional director since 1976 — first in the Northeastern and North Central Regions before moving to the Mid-Atlantic. He was agronomist for the Northeastern Region from 1971-76.

A graduate of Penn State University's turfgrass management program, he is an honorary member of nine regional golf course superintendent chapters, a board member of the Musser International Turf Foundation, a member of the USGA Green Section Award Committee, and a member of the National Honor Society of Agriculture and the Technical Resource Advisory Committee of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Past recipients of the Rossi Award include Robert Trent Jones Sr., Joe Jemsek, Alice O'Neal Dye, Dr. Joe Duich and Geoffrey Cornish.

Zontek is a former Penn State pupil of Duich's. Indeed, when Duich accepted his Ross Award in 1995, it was Zontek who introduced him.

Randall & Blake acquires Contra Costa Landscaping

LITTLETON, Colo. — Randall & Blake, Inc. (RBI), a Littleton contractor known for construction of numerous golf courses and the playing surface at Coors Field, has purchased a California firm to take advantage of the state's economic upswing.

Contra Costa Landscaping, Inc. (CCL), based in Martinez,

Calif., will add three satellite offices to RBI's current locations: three in Colorado and one in both Texas and Utah.

"It's a safety net more than anything," said Rick Randall, RBI chief executive officer. "When the market finally settles down in Colorado and Utah, it will just be heating up in California and

Texas. This has been the trend for years. If we can provide our employees an opportunity to work during the winter or during down markets, we are satisfying one portion of our corporate mission, making RBI Companies a stable workplace for our people."

RBI Golf is building four to six

golf courses in Northern California in 1997. The buyout will provide a home office for these typically nomadic crews.

CCL needed the support of a larger company to generate the bonding capacity and newer equipment needed to keep up with California's strengthening market, said Randall.

