

Lesco, Crown join GCBAA; Quality certified

Crown Golf Construction and Lesco, Inc. have been named charter members of the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBAA), bringing the member total to 24.

Lesco, a GCBAA associate member based in Rocky River, Ohio, manufactures and distributes turf-care products and equipment, including fertilizers, turfgrass and wildflower seed, turf protection and pest control products, irrigation products, and golf course accessories.

"Lesco wants to be part of this industry, and to do that we really need to be behind the important and essential organizations in order to grow our business," said Chuck Hutton, director of national accounts and Lesco's representative in the GCBAA.

"We see the GCBAA as setting a standard of excellence to

make sure that this industry is successful for today and for the future."

Crown Golf Construction (formerly GreenVisions), is a division of Crown Golf Properties, and is based in Northbrook, Ill., with branch offices in Phoenix, Ariz., and Hatfield, Pa. Its recent projects include River Valley

Ranch, a Jay Morrish design in Carbondale, Colo.; and Desert Ridge, an Arnold Palmer design in Phoenix.

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The GCBAA has announced Quality Golf of Sunbury, Ohio, has been named a Certified Golf Course Builder.

Quality Golf is headed by president Willard Stambaugh and his son, Vice President Rob Stambaugh. Willard Stambaugh

has worked in golf course construction since the late 1950s, and started Quality Golf in 1976.

To qualify for certification, a company must have been in the golf course construction business for at least five years, built three complete 18-hole golf courses or the equivalent in the past five years, completed the application form, passed a 100-question exam in golf course construction, and provided references.

RAMIREZ JOINS GD

IRVINE, Calif. — Roy Ramirez has been hired as a construction manager for Golf Dimensions, a development and construction management firm here. Ramirez will work out of Golf Dimension's Palm Desert office and will be involved in the development and construction management of the new Shadowrock Resort and Golf Course in Palm Springs. Ramirez' responsibilities at Golf Dimensions will include contractor selection, project supervision, site inspections, quality control, value engineering, construction schedule/budget oversight, construction close-out, grow-in and post-construction inspections.

Ramirez has more than 20 years of experience in golf course construction and has been involved in such notable projects as the PGA West Stadium Course and Palmer Course. He recently completed work on the Las Vegas Pauite Resort.

TWO PROJECTS FOR RYANGOLF

EDINBURGH, Ind. — Ryan-Golf, a division of Ryan Incorporated Eastern of Deerfield Beach, Fla. has been awarded the construction of Timbergate Golf Course. This will be a new municipal golf course designed by Clyde Johnston for the Town of Edinburg, Ind. Phase one will incorporate earthwork, utilities and paving for a new residential community associated with the Timbergate Golf Course. Construction is slated to start June 1, with completion by fall 1998.

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FORT MYERS, Fla. — Ryan-Golf has been named builder of the 18-hole Joe Lee-designed Kings Wood Golf Course Community golf course here. Lennar Homes is the developer. Construction has begun. Grassing is scheduled for the fall with an early 1998 opening projected. The course will premier as a public facility with plans to eventually become an equity club for owners of the surrounding housing development.

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