

Maxon new chair of NGF board

JUPITER, Fla.— Robert L. Maxon, vice president/group publisher of Golf Digest-The Golf Company, has been elected chairman of the board of the National Golf Foundation (NGF).

Maxon succeeds Ed Abrain, executive vice president of Sales and Marketing for Titleist and Foot-Joy Worldwide, who has served as the board's chairman for the last two years and will continue as a director.

A member of the NGF board since 1994, Maxon most recently served as its treasurer. The election of officers took place Jan. 26, at the NGF Board of Directors meeting in Orlando, Fla. The other officers elected were:

- Vice Chairman — Scott Creelman, senior vice president of Top-Flite Professional Golf, Spalding Sports Worldwide and a NGF member since 1995.

- Treasurer — Joe Louis Barrow Jr., president and chief operating officer, Izzo Systems, Inc., who is making his debut as a member of the NGF's governance.

- Secretary — Cindy Davis, vice president of Ladies Professional Golfers Association and a former member of the NGF's Board of Governors.

The other new directors elected in addition to Barrow and Davis were:

- Robert Rief, general manager of Nike Golf.

Murder-suicide claims two in S.C.

PAWLEYS ISLAND, S.C. — Two brothers installing an irrigation system at a golf course construction site here at True Blue Plantation were killed in January after one of the brothers shot the other and then killed himself in a grisly murder-suicide.

According to *The Sun News* of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Joe Blake Williams Sr. and Henry Newton Williams III of Georgia were putting in an irrigation system at the True Blue Plantation, a residential subdivision and golf course. Witnesses said Joe Blake Williams, 57, shot his 50-year-old brother, Henry, twice in the head at close range, then shot himself around 7:30 a.m. on Jan. 16. One body was found slumped in the seat of a backhoe while the other lay beside a white station wagon.

The brothers owned Piedmont Irrigation of Watkinsville, Ga., a subcontractor to the golf course builder at True Blue Plantation. Another irrigation worker, who was at the site when the murder-suicide took place, told police that Joe Blake Williams Sr. had waved a gun around and warned he and other employees to leave the scene of they would be shot.

- George Peper, editor-in-chief, *Golf Magazine*.

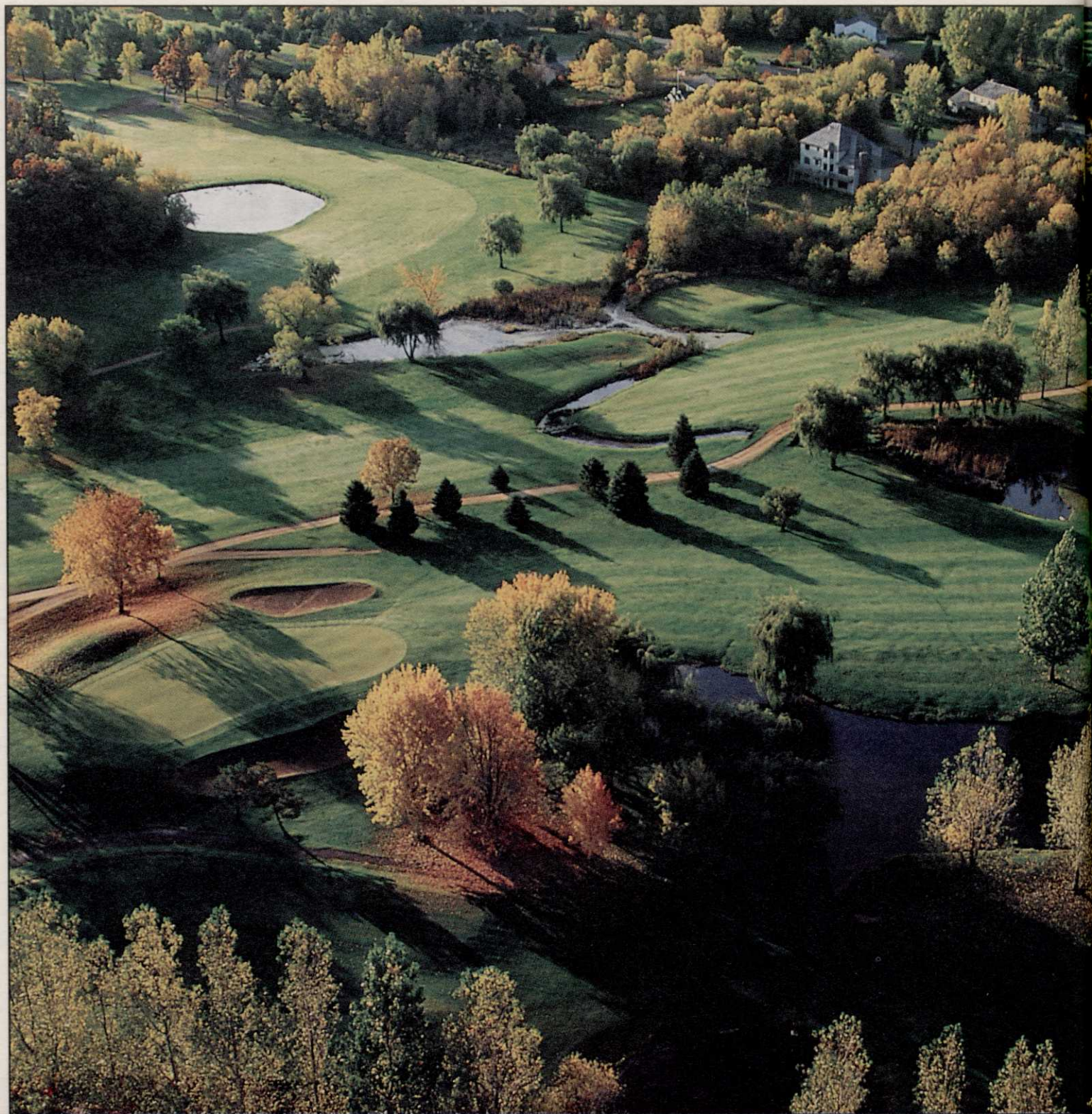
Other members of the Board include Charles Yash, president/CEO of Callaway Golf Ball Co.; Allan Solheim, executive vice president of Karsten Manufacturing Corp.; and Patrick O'Grady, senior vice president of Golf Business Development for Spalding/Etonic.

Congress to address comp time legislation this spring

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A compensatory time bill is expected to resurface early in the 105th Congress. A bill that would permit employers to offer compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay is likely to come before the new Congress during the next 60 days. GOP leaders plan to introduce a bill nearly identical to the measure that passed the House last summer, H.R. 2391. A companion bill is also ex-

pected to be introduced in the Senate.

Key Hill staffers have indicated that GOP leaders are still struggling with their party's anti-worker image. To appear more moderate, the GOP has chosen compensatory time as the first labor issue to pursue during the 105th Congress, as opposed to a more controversial issue such as Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) reform.



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