

Venturi

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done the same thing. He has taught the game of golf to the modern world, whether doing special schools, or as a golf analyst on TV."

Telling Venturi the public has enjoyed the game through his words and actions, McGinnis said: "Although more than a century apart, there is no mistake Old Tom Morris and Ken Venturi share a special kinship as guardians of the game of golf."

While Venturi suffered a hand injury that ended his competitive career and missed out on the big paydays of modern times, he said: "I'm very fortunate... What price would you put on being able to dine with Bobby Jones and Francis Ouimet and having Byron Nelson take you under his wing, and having Ben Hogan say he would like to play with me when we play the Masters?"

He said he would like to see younger players "come up and introduced himself to an older player and thank them for being able to play today for the millions of dollars they make."

Other comments from the 1998

Old Tom Morris Award-winner:

- "I don't think I've ever played a round of golf when I wasn't humbled. I never played the perfect game. Golf is like humility. When you think you have it, you've lost it... It will teach you personality. By playing a round in competition with a person I can tell you a lot about them, about their business, their personality, how they handle life."

- Golfers are winning at

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younger ages today because there are no wars; and they can get points easier. "I missed three Ryder Cups because I had to wait five years to get enough points."

- "Today, someone makes \$2 million, and it's all relative. It's hard to make \$2 million when first prize is \$2,000. In 1958 I won four times and finished in the top ten 15 times and earned \$49,500... But today you don't get to sit next to a Gene Sarazen.

So it's all relative."

- "I don't think it will be an Olympic sport. We have our Olympics. I look at the Olympics as amateurs. I don't get a kick out of watching our professional NBA players winning the Olympics. That's no contest."

- "Match play will not survive over here [America] because of television. Television prevents you from having match play. If you and I are in the finals and they are

televising, and after 18 holes you have me eight down who's going to watch us play? That's the one key to match play. I've always loved match play, and that's one thing I missed as a pro."

- "Golf courses are becoming obsolete — like Marion... I would like to see a [distance] limit on the golf ball itself. And on equipment. We used to have a sweet spot the size of a nickel to hit an iron shot. Now it's the size of a lemon."

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