

## AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

The GCI staff presented the 2009 Golf Course Industry Builder Excellence Awards at the Golf Course Builders Association of America's awards dinner, which occurred in conjunction with the Golf Industry Show in New Orleans in February.

Three awards were presented. Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. won the Heritage Award for best reconstruction project with its work at Naperville Country Club in Illinois (page B4). For the first time since the inception of the awards program in 2004, a company won two awards the same year. Aspen Corp. took home the Legacy Award for best renovation project with its work at The Water's Edge Country Club in Penhook, Va. (page B8). Aspen also won the Affinity Award for best environmental project with its work at the Wisp Golf Course in McHenry, Md. (page B12).

The following three articles depict these award-winning construction projects.

## GOLF COURSE INDUSTRY 2009 **Builder Excellence** AWARDS

### A WORD FROM THE GCBA

The Golf Course Builders Association of America is honored to participate in the annual Golf Course Industry Builder Excellence Awards program. The GCBA is dedicated to advancing and continuously improving the profession of golf course construction, while serving the interests of its members. Our members build the highest quality golf courses in the world, and it's rewarding to see a recognition program address this. Our award winners are proud of this recognition of their dedication and hard work.

We hope that by reading about these award-winning projects you agree GCBA builders are professional and strive to construct the best golf facilities, keeping in mind the environmental concerns required. On behalf of the GCBA, we congratulate our winning builders for 2009 and look forward to next year's program.

— Paul Foley, executive director



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