



## The 2010 Builder Excellence Awards

We are very proud of the Builder Excellence Awards program offered each year by Golf Course Industry. These prestigious awards reflect Golf Course Builders Association of America's mission, which is dedicated to advancing and improving the profession of golf course construction while serving the interests of its member companies.

Our members build the highest quality golf courses in the world. This program recognizes this standard of excellence. Winners were recognized for their achievement at the Annual GCBA Summer Meeting Awards Dinner in Milwaukee. On behalf of the GCBA board and membership, I would like to extend our congratulations to the 2010 Builder Excellence Award winners and thank Golf Course Industry and this year's panel of esteemed judges for their time and effort in making these awards possible. Our members are already working on their 2011 projects and

I'm sure we'll have some exciting and innovative submissions for next year's panel of judges to consider.

The GCBA continues to change with the market, add value to its membership and collaborate with the allied associations of golf to enhance the golf industry. Some recent changes include the following:

- New GCBA Website;
- GCBA social media participation – You Tube, Twitter, Facebook and SMS text contact;
- New education program requirement for its certified builders;
- Two new Builder Membership

Categories – Renovation Builder and Irrigation Contractor;

- Electronic version of its quarterly publication, EarthShaping News;
- New golf construction careers flyer for universities and students interested in careers in the golf construction business; and
- Outreach to organizations to use the free golf clubs available at the 510 Sticks For Kids programs.

Good luck in the remainder of 2010 and into 2011, and we look forward to building partnerships with you in the days to come.

**PAUL FOLEY**  
Executive Director

### The 2010 JUDGES

A special thank you goes out to this year's panel of esteemed judges.

**Mike Benkusky**, ASGCA, Michael J. Benkusky Inc.; **Charlie Birney**, Atlantic Golf; **Jim Dunlap**, industry journalist; **Bill Prest**, Sweet Briar Golf Course; **Tommy Sasser**, Recreational Community Consultants **Chris Schiavone**, RDS Golf Group; **Jason Straka**, ASGCA, Hurdzan/Fry Golf Design; **Todd Voss**, Double Eagle Golf Course

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