

ORGANIZE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTS

Formation of the American Society of Golf Course Architects which was completed at Hotel New Yorker, New York, Feb. 14, is a milestone in American golf. Identification of fully qualified golf course architects and energetic cooperative action of the architects to raise the general standard of American course architecture long has been needed. Delay in forming the society can be attributed as much to the artistic independence of the good architects as to any other factor. But now that the talent of the recognized first class American architects is conceded as being entirely responsible for excellent and unique departures from the natural Scotch models the American masters of the art no longer seem to feel themselves in the class of "loners".

That's a great thing for American golf. It is a certainty that many metropolitan district courses are going to be forced to new sites by housing pressure and many hundreds of smaller community courses will be built within the next few years. In scores of cities there is strong pressure for the establishment of municipal courses. These impending developments mean a

multitude of architectural problems and opportunities for the American architects to continue demonstration of their progressive qualities.

The American Society of Golf Course Architects came into being as the direct result of the invitation of the Greenkeepers' Assn. to architects for a meeting to consider construction and maintenance matters in relation to the architecture and building of golf courses.

Elected honorary pres. by the ASGCA is the dean, Donald J. Ross of Pinehurst, N.C. Pres. is Robert Bruce Harris, 664 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago; VP is Stanley Thompson, 57 Queen St., W., Toronto, Ont., Can., and sec.-treas. is Robert Trent Jones, 20 Vesey St., New York.

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