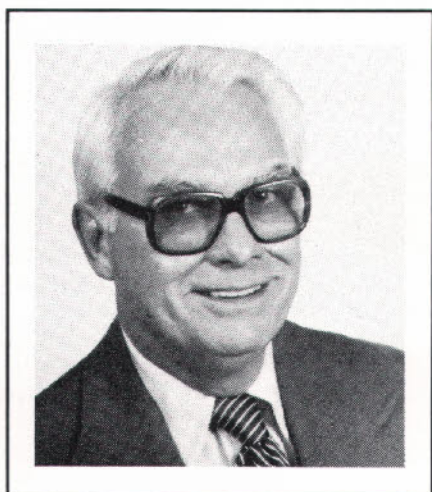


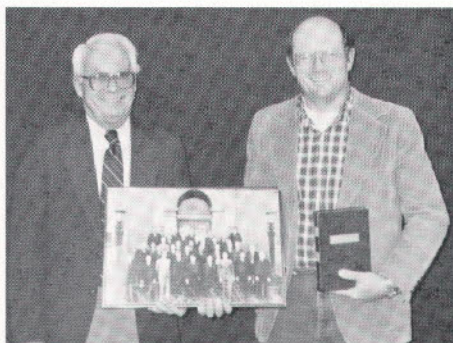
Preserving The Past And Planning For The Future

THE GOLF FOUNDATION OF WISCONSIN — ITS FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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In the Spring of 1977 an idea sprung forth in the mind of one of the legends of golf in the State of Wisconsin, namely, FRANK WOODSIDE, who was elected to the Wisconsin Golf Hall of Fame in 1968. The idea centered upon the formation of an organization of organizations to preserve, promote and project the game of golf in the State of Wisconsin. Every golf involved organization was invited to attend an "exploratory" meeting held at the Ozaukee Country Club to help determine the need and possibility of establishing this all-encompassing organization that would be dedicated to promoting



GFW President Jack Reif accepts museum and library gifts from WGCSA President Monroe S. Miller.

the game of golf in Wisconsin. Evolving from this initial meeting was an overriding interest in determining a need for this type of organization. Additional meetings were scheduled which eventually led to the drafting of a charter constitution, the election of officers and the establishment of goals, purposes and objectives.

In June of 1978 the Constitution was ratified and the Federal IRS rendered a Non-Profit 501-C-3 Charitable Tax-Deductible status. The initial officers were elected with Woodside as President, Vice Presidents elected were BOB BRUE of the WPGA, TOM STOUTHAMER of WSGA, HAROLD "STRETCH" LUEDEMAN of GMCCA, JACQUIE PICARD of the WWPLGA; Secretary ROBERT BOLTZ of the WGCSA; Treasurer THOMAS KEATING of the WALHG and Directors WOODROW HENNING of the WPLA, THOMAS E. TESTWUIDE of NEWGA, and JOHN KNUTESON of the Evans Scholars. THOMAS P. CARROLL of North Hills Country Club was retained as General Counsel.

One of the first projects was to draft an appeal for contributions to go out to all golfers to help financially support the Golf Foundation of Wisconsin, with the funds to be directed to help establish a Golf Museum and Library and to possibly construct a "golf house" to house all of the major offices of golf associations in the State. Unfortunately, the direction and impetus supplied by the energies of Frank Woodside ceased with his untimely death in November of 1979.

The Golf Foundation floundered for two years without any active leadership until 1981 when the WSGA president, JACK REIF, requested a revision in the objectives of the GFW with new officers being elected and the Constitution expanded upon to include a Junior Division. TOM STOUTHAMER was elected GFW President and GENE HAAS, Executive Director of the WSGA, was elected Secretary/Treasurer. ARNOLD WALKER of the MCPLA and TOM BEFERA of the WPGA were elected Vice Presidents. A year-end invitational junior championship was inaugurated and held at the SentryWorld Golf Club in Stevens Point. Golf Clubs throughout the State were invited to join and con-

tributions were collected from interested golfers, thereby, enabling the GFW to initiate a very interesting and worthy golf championship for qualified juniors at SentryWorld.

In 1984, the GFW was again restructured to actively include more of the golf related associations to participate in the management and operating procedures of the GFW. JACK REIF of WSGA was elected GFW President and he immediately set about a program to develop a regional junior golf program that would involve instruction, informational materials and competitive programs for all interested junior golfers in the State of Wisconsin. DICK PEARSE, JAY LOHMILLER, and TOM STOUTHAMER of WSGA, MONROE MILLER of WGCSA, BERND STURM of WCMA, RAY RUPER of WPLA, KARLA DEMING of WWSGA, SUZI WIGGINS of the WWPLA, DENNIS TIZIANI, TOM KABLER and ALLAN MITCHELL of the WPGA were all added to the Board of Directors of the GFW. The goals and objectives of the GFW remain as high as ever, perhaps higher. At this time all golfers in the State are being called upon to support the GFW in its attempt to bring the game of golf to every interested young person in our state. We ask all of you to support this project in every possible way. We all know that golf is great...let's make it greater.

