

GOLF COURSE DESIGN PRINCIPLES

Reviewed by Randy Smith

On March 12th and 13th, a full roster of 60 persons from the WGCSA and associates from related fields from Wisconsin and neighboring states had the pleasure of attending The Golf Course Design Principles Seminar at the Holiday Inn West in Milwaukee.

This seminar has been presented some 19 times throughout the United States by two very fine gentlemen representing the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (sponsored locally by our WGCSA). The men I speak of are Robert Muir Graves, ASGCA out of Walnut Creek, California and Geoffrey S. Cornish, ASGCA and co-author of the historical reference *The Golf Course* out of Amherst, Massachusetts. Both men are world renowned architects and well versed in golf course design and communication involved in all aspects of this business.

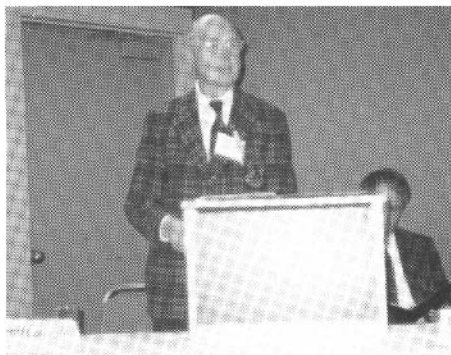
The seminar consisted of lectures on an overview of the complexities of golf course design, history of golf architecture, slides to complement the well organized presentations, actual drawings, topographical maps, blue prints and so on, and of course workshops. (We created our own 18 hole course and detailed one of those holes on an actual site map - without income - but without responsibilities either!)

My impression, if I may, was that this was one of the best presentations that I have attended, but is an example of the fine seminars available through our national organization. The content was valuable and pertinent. The two outstanding teachers are capable of helping us understand the ideal relationships from the design into the construction and onto the time of actual play. Your attention is kept with frequent humor, beautiful slides, well planned materials, and hands-on drawings with "gentle" critique. The test at the end culminates the two-day event. The open discussion atmosphere and genuine interest of the instructors helps us all better understand each of our own part of the architect-superintendent-contractor-member relationship.

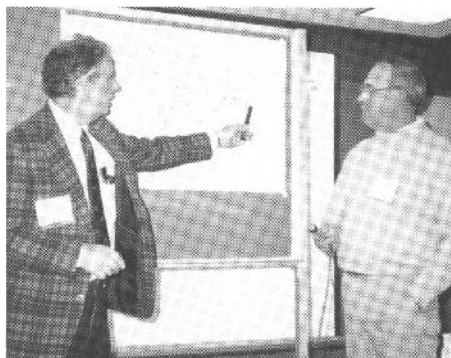
Some of our photographs only depict the setting of the days at the Holiday Inn, and not the quality and content of the sessions. I cannot explain in words

the total image presented to us but can only recommend this seminar to those of you who may not yet have been able to take advantage of it.

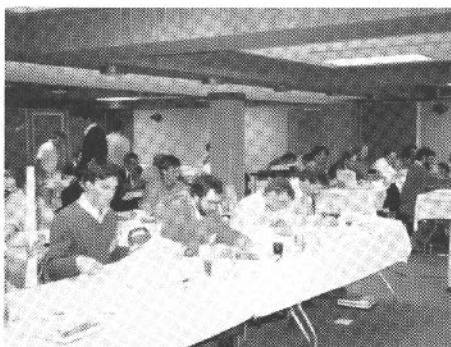
Thank you Mr. Graves and Mr. Cornish.



Geoffrey S. Cornish



Robert M. Graves did a wonderful job of instruction.



Many exciting golf courses were designed during the seminar!



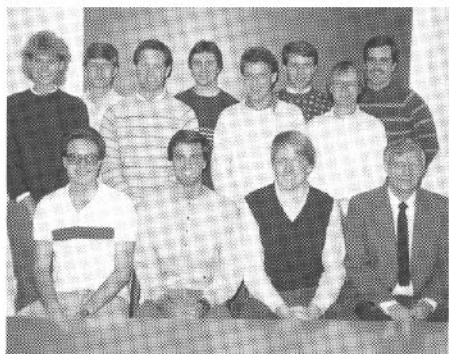
An open and casual atmosphere added to the pleasure of the design seminar.

TURF STUDENTS FORM CLUB

Traditionally, the turf and grounds management program at UW-Madison has been recognized as a strong and professionally oriented program. Consistent with this tradition, the turf students at UW-Madison have formally organized themselves as the *Badger Turf and Grounds Club*.

The primary purpose of the club is to promote the professional development of students interested in turf management. The club, recognized as an official student organization by the university, will increase the recognition of turfgrass management as a career. Students will have the opportunity to peruse leadership roles and plan activities related to the profession. All interested students enrolled in the college of agriculture and life sciences are eligible for membership.

Presently, the club has thirteen members. Dr. Wayne Kussow, Department of Soil Science, serves as the club's advisor. The officers are: Michael Lee, president; Jeff Pilz, vice president; and Dan Millies, secretary/treasurer.



Seated L to R: Dan Millies, Jeff Pilz, Michael Lee, Professor Wayne Kussow. Standing L to R: Lora Ripp, David Kidd, Roy Janzen, Larry Lennert, Ron McCarthy, Jeff Bahr, Gary Grunke, Mike Lyons. Missing: Todd Monge, Pat Zurawski.

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WGCSA Educational Opportunities For 1987 Abound!

Let there be no doubt that WGCSA Educational Director Carl Grassl is doing his homework. Four tentative educational opportunities are on the calendar for this year and are worth noting.

On October 27th, the WGCSA will host a "Rules of Golf" Seminar at the Pfister Hotel in downtown Milwaukee. This is a one day seminar and precedes the 1987 Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium. The eight hours of instruction will be given by the *Grass Roots'* own Dr. David Cookson, a well known expert on the rules of golf, Gene Haas, Executive Director of the Wisconsin State Golf Association, and Honorary Member of the WGCSA, and Jim Farrell, Manager of the USGA's Mid-Continent Region for Regional Affairs.

The 1987 Wisconsin Regional Golf Turf Symposium will convene on Wednesday, October 28th and wrap up at noon on the 29th. The program is in the planning stages, but we know that Bob Welch and his Symposium Committee will assemble a program that will challenge all of us.

Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents have been invited to host a "Wisconsin" portion of the North Central Turfgrass meetings in December. Carl has accepted that invitation and is seeking input for the program on December 10th.

Finally, due to the overwhelming success of the GCSAA Seminar on Golf Course Design, Carl is investigating WGCSA sponsorship of another GCSAA Seminar in the near future. Please call him if you have ideas.

Also on the education front is a call by WGCSA President and GCSAA Director Bill Roberts for speaker suggestions and topics for the GCSAA Conference and Show scheduled for Houston early in 1988.

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Kienert Announce Plans for 1987 WGCSA Dinner/Dance

Mark Kienert took the occasion of the March WGCSA meeting to announce his progress on plans for the 1987 Dinner and Dance. The event is set for October 2nd and 3rd. Golf will be hosted by the Bruce Worzellas at West Bend Country Club. Dinner will

be at "The Old Fort Silver" and lodging arrangements are being handled by the Dilion Inn. Several of their "fantasy" rooms are still available, according to Mark. Music will be by The Todd Holmes Group and Mark Grundman of Northrup King Seed will host the hospitality room. A bus will be picking up and returning party goers between the hotel and the supper club. Watch your mail for further details from Mark and his committee.

USGA Green Section Great Lakes Region Office Moves

Effective April 1, Jim Latham's Great Lake Region of the USGA Green Section office will move from W. Bradley Road to new quarters. The office will be located at:

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