

GCSAA GETS NEW HOME

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) will break ground in early 1990 to begin construction of a \$4 million headquarters complex one mile from the group's current Lawrence, Kansas, site. GCSAA President Dennis D. Lyon, CGCS, said that the association's officers approved schematic plans for the project during a meeting at the U.S. Open in Rochester, N. Y.

"GCSAA's growth has mirrored that of the rest of the golf industry," Lyon said. "We not have more than 8,600 members and the association offers more services to them than ever before. This new building will allow us to keep meeting the needs of our growing membership and the golf community at large."

The new site is just west of the current GCSAA building, which has been located on the Alvamar Golf and Country Club since the association moved to Lawrence in 1974. Despite the relocation, the new headquarters will still overlook an Alvamar course: a new 18-hole championship layout being designed by architect Ken Kavanaugh and developed by Alvamar owner Robert Billings. Construction of the course is set to start early next year and both building and course should be complete and open in 1991.

"We plan to have the building finished and the staff moved by summer of 1991," said John M. Schilling, GCSAA's executive director. Schilling added that the building could be ready for occupancy by spring of 1991 "if the Kansas weather cooperates."

Planned for 35,000 square feet, the new building will nearly triple the space available for GCSAA's 42-member professional staff and still leave room for projected growth. In addition to the four-story headquarters building, the new complex will feature an attached 70-seat classroom and meeting facility. The entire design, which is being completed by the Lawrence architectural firm of Peters, Kubota & Glenn, P.A., will "make superintendents who visit feel proud to be members of GCSAA," according to Lyon.

Since 1926, GCSAA has been the national professional association for the men and women who "keep golf green." By providing a wide range of opportunities for education and professional development for superintendents, the association has played an ongoing role in improving golf conditions both in America and abroad.



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