

Woodward Elected President and Rees Jones Honored

SAN DIEGO, Calif. -- The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) 75th International Golf Course Conference and Show concluded a week-long schedule of activities with the presentation of its highest honor, the Old Tom Morris Award, to highly regarded golf course architect Rees Jones.

In addition, Mark J. Woodward, certified golf course superintendent at Dobson Ranch and Riverview golf courses in Mesa, Ariz., was elected GCSAA president. Overall attendance for the Conference and Show was 19,317, up 1,153 from last year's total of 18,164 in Atlanta. There were approximately 6,200 qualified buyers (those who make purchase decisions at a golf facility), up from the 6,045 in Atlanta. Education seminar attendance reached 6,780, again surpassing the 6,295 figure of last year. A total of 684 exhibitors covered 240,000 square feet of floor space, down slightly from the 701 exhibitors and 245,200 square feet of floor space last year.

GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show is the world's largest golf course management conference/trade show, with attendance averaging more than 20,000 per year over the past nine events. Last year, according to Tradeshow Week magazine, GCSAA's trade show ranked 84th among the top 200 tradeshows (there are more than 4,500 trade shows in the U.S. annually).

At the association's annual meeting, Feb. 14, GCSAA members

elected three officers and two directors from a field of seven candidates:

President: Mark J. Woodward, CGCS at Dobson Ranch/Riverview Golf Courses in Mesa, Ariz.

Vice President: Timothy T. O'Neill, CGCS at Country Club of Darien (Conn.).

Secretary/Treasurer: Sean A. Hoolehan, CGCS at Wildhorse Resort Golf Course in Pendleton, Ore.

Directors: Gary K. Carls, CGCS at Sunnyvale/Sunken Gardens golf courses in Sunnyvale, Calif. (elected)

David S. Downing II, CGCS at Avestra in Pinehurst, N.C. (re-elected)

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Enjoying some food and conversation in San Diego are, from the left, Mike Ligday, Greg Hubbard, CGCS, Bonnie Hubbard and Cora Ligday.



Scott Austin, CGCS, Midland Hills Country Club, left, and MGCSA affiliate member Jeff Hartman at the Rock Bottom Brewery in San Diego at MGCSA's Hospitality get together.

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Robert J. Maibusch, CGCS, MG, Hinsdale Golf Club, Clarendon Hills, Ill.; Mark D. Kuhns, CGCS, Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N.J.; and Ricky D. Heine, CGCS, The Golf Club Star Ranch in Austin, Texas, each have one year remaining on their two-year director terms. Jon D. Maddern, CGCS, 2003 president, will serve as immediate past president, and Michael Wallace, CGCS, will retire from the board after serving the past year as immediate past president.

New Golf Industry Show in 2005: GCSAA's 75th International Golf Course Conference and Show will take on a new format, appearing next year as the Golf Industry Show. It will be a combination of the trade shows hosted by GCSAA and the National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA). Both associations will operate separate education conferences that will run concurrently with the trade show, however. The 2005 Golf Industry Show is set for Feb. 10-12 in Orlando, Fla., with the GCSAA education conference Feb. 7 - 12 and the NGCOA education conference Feb. 8 - 12.

Robinson wins GCSAA Golf Championship: Tommy Robinson, golf course superintendent at Ravinia Green Country Club in Riverwoods, Ill., shot a final round 3-under-par 68 to win the 54th Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) National Golf Championship conducted at five San Diego - area golf courses, Feb. 9-10. Robinson carded a 36-hole total of 3-over-par 146, two strokes better than Al Pondel, certified golf course superintendent at Rockford (Ill.) Country Club, and Mike Stieler, golf course superintendent at Riverbend Golf Club in Madera, Calif. Robinson recorded a 6-over-par 78 at Madera Golf Club yesterday and followed it up with his 68 at Delmar National Golf Club today. Robinson competed in his 27th GCSAA championship and is a two-time USGA Amateur qualifier. The GCSAA Golf Championship is presented in partnership with The Toro Co.

NOTES: Jeffrey L. Gullikson, certified golf course superintendent at Spokane (Wash.) Country Club, has earned the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) 2004 President's Award for Environmental Stewardship in recognition of his involvement in the First Green of Washington Program.

Monroe S. Miller, golf course superintendent at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison, Wis., was presented the Green Section Award from the United States Golf Association at its education session. The award is given annually by a panel of experts in the turfgrass field and recognizes distinguished contributions to golf through work with turfgrass.

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