

ASGCA predicts increase in construction

The American Society of Golf Course Architects expects the number of new golf courses started in 1982 to exceed those of the past year due to increasing demand and declining interest rates. "Studies show that more seniors and women are playing golf than ever before," President Dick Nugent stated, "and the nation's architects are responding by making the courses more versatile through the use of multiple tees and other design techniques."

Nugent believes that there is a pent-up demand for all types of golf courses—development, resort, municipal, public fee, and executive. "The architect has been able, in many instances, to take 'unusable' land and create a challenging course," the ASGCA president noted, "and we will see more creative work done on landfills, abandoned strip mines, flood plains, hilly areas, and other sites not previously considered for golf courses."

Nugent said that the architect must create a delicate balance between aesthetics and easy maintenance. In many cases, he pointed out, newer courses will have a more natural look. By leaving seldom-used areas in native grasses or flowers, courses are easier to maintain and present new challenges to the player. "Wall-to-wall green is not necessary for a great golf course," Nugent said. "Just take a look at the famous courses in Scotland."

Water availability is an increasing problem for golf courses across the country, particularly in the West, and Nugent predicts that more new and existing courses will be using effluent water for irrigation. "Many courses are tying into local water treatment plants to satisfy their needs and eliminating the need for local municipalities to release wastewater back into streams and lakes," Nugent added.

New Hampshire supers hold turf show

Despite inclement weather, the New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association had a large turnout for their Turf Conference and Trade Show in Bedford, NH. Association President Barrie Robertson awarded the distinguished service award to Lou Douval, York, ME, Golf and Tennis. Ray Richard and Jim LaMorder, students at the University of Massachusetts winter turf school, received the annual scholarship awards.

The guest speakers included Dr. Stanley Swier who spoke on the current gypsy moth plague in the Northeast, Dr. Richard Skogley, University of Rhode Island, who spoke on topdressing, and Dr. Joseph Vargas, University of Michigan, who described the various diseases observed during the past year.

Cornish Wins Ross Award

Geoffrey S. Cornish, one of North America's leading golf course architects and co-author of "The Golf Course", has been named the 1982 winner of the Donald Ross Award presented annually by the American Society of Golf Course Architects to a person who has made significant contributions to the game of golf, especially golf course architecture.

Cornish received the Donald Ross award, named in honor of the "father of American golf course architecture," during the ASGCA annual meeting at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, FL., February 22.

Previous recipients of the Donald Ross Award include Robert Trent Jones, Herbert Warren Wind, Herb and Joe Graffis, Joe Dey, Gerald Micklem, and Gov. James Rhodes of Ohio.

with entertaining anecdotes from his coverage of golf and the Olympic Games. Proving to be a personable celebrity, McKay spoke with many of the superintendents prior to his address and then ended his talk with an extended question-and-answer period.



ABC Sportscaster Jim McKay.

Twelve of the nation's leading experts on water and golf trotted out their views during the Water Symposium held Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Many of the superintendents appreciated the opportunity to hear an expanded discussion of such an important topic. "The main reason I come to this show is the seminars and the Water Symposium was better than I expected," said Larry Pakkala, superintendent at St. Andrews Country Club, Scarsdale, NY.

On Monday evening the Grand Salon of the Hilton was the site of the show's Mardi Gras reception. Frankie Mann and a host of local jazz artists treated the packed house to a number of New Orleans-style tunes. When the band hit its final note the real show was just beginning. Much to everyone's surprise and delight, the salon was transformed into a mini-French Quarter replete with harlequins and Mardi Gras paraders. Kings, queens, dukes and fair maids strutted amidst the crowd tossing trinkets. Their glittering outfits (part Las Vegas showgirl, part peacock) were a sight to behold, particularly to New Orleans newcomers.

Following the revelry of the previous evening, Tuesday morning brought on the brass tacks of the conference — the trade show. A sea of superintendents gathered for the 9 a.m. ribbon cutting and flooded the exhibit hall when the

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