

UPDATE

Rossi tapped by golf car group

Don A. Rossi, executive director emeritus of the National Golf Foundation, was named executive director of the National Golf Car Manufacturers Association, Inc.

The formation of the new association was announced at the recent PGA Merchandise Show. George H. Inman, president and chairman of the board of Club Car was named president, and Fred Sommers was appointed general council.

NGF's first school a success

Attendees from 22 states and Canada were at the first Golf Management School sponsored by the National Golf Foundation and Oglebay, a destination resort in a 1,400-acre municipal park in Wheeling, WV. All registrants were, in some way, involved in the management of public golf facilities. The first year of the two year program drew 78 registrants. The second year of the program is scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 13, 1985.

Subject matter ranged from the philosophy of public golf to promotion, merchandising and accounting procedures.

Hurdzan to stress nature of golf

Dr. Michael J. Hurdzan, the new president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, wants the nature and art of golf course architecture to be recognized and to encourage more children to play.

Hurdzan is a partner in the golf course architectural firm of Kidwell and Hurdzan, Inc., Columbus, OH. The firm has designed more than 80 new courses, mainly in the Midwest.

"During my term I have three main goals I'd like to implement," Hurdzan told WT&T. "They include establishing golf course architecture as an artform. Secondly, I'd like to establish a close alliance with national wildlife associations, especially the Audubon Society, to attract useful wildlife to golf courses, such as bluebirds, which help in insect and weed control. Thirdly, we'd like to keep trying to encourage growth of the game of golf and encourage the development of courses for children. Right now, the average age for learning to play golf in the U.S. is 25. If children were encouraged and had a convenient, inexpensive place to learn the game, that figure could be dropped measurably. The Society would like to work with allied golf associations to make this happen."

The Society currently has 88 members, which represents 75 percent of the active golf course architects in the country and Canada.

Other officers elected are John Watson, Lachute, Quebec, Canada, vice president; Kenneth K. Killian, Palatine, IL, secretary; and Roger G. Rulewich, Montclair, NJ, treasurer.



Dr. Richard Skogley addresses delegates of the Canadian Turfgrass Conference on the pros and cons of sand topdressing.

be maintained to help superintendents justify their use of water on the course. "History has shown when water supplies get short, turf generally receives a low priority," he said.

Rhode Island's Dr. Richard Skogley echoed Beard's remarks saying, "There is too much how-to today, and not enough why." Speaking on changes in turfgrass management, Skogley cautioned the Canadian superintendents that sand topdressing has its drawbacks and suggested soil topdressing instead. "Sand topdressing is better than not topdressing at all," he said. "It provides an improved putting surface. Once you start sand topdressing, you can't stop without causing layering and water problems. Sand requires more water and fertilizer.

With sand, you have to topdress monthly. You only have to topdress twice per year with soil. Also, we've seen reduced disease with soil topdressing compared to sand."

DISEASES

Canada's Burpee offers disease tips

More emphasis should be put on the turfgrass environment, Dr. Lee Burpee of the University of Guelph told superintendents at the Canadian Turfgrass Conference.

Burpee provided some tips to discourage disease. "If you won't to control disease, reduce the period of leaf wetness," Burpee said. He also recommended watching the pH of the soil and thatch since grass under stress is

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