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Officers Elected, Committee Chairs Appointed at GCBA Winter Board Meeting In Orlando

The Golf Industry Show in Orlando, Fla. served as the backdrop for the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA) 2008 Winter Board Meeting held in January. GCBA Directors elected the following officers to two-year terms: President: Bob Pinson, Course Crafters, Inc.; Vice President: Mick Jones, The Toro Company; Secretary: Ellen Davis, Waupaca Sand & Solutions, SportZmix Solutions; Treasurer: Steve Christman, Eagle Golf & Landscape Products; President-Elect: Dave Munkvold, Duininck Brothers Golf; Past President: Tom Shapland, Wadsworth Golf Construction.

In addition, the following were appointed as Chairs of following GCBA committees:

Architect Liaison Committee:

Robert Pinson, Course Crafters Inc.

Budget Committee:

Rick Boylan, Mid-America Golf & Landscape, Inc.

Communications Committee:

Willie Slingerland, Flowtronex

Construction Data Base

Committee: Doug Long, Heritage Links

Education & Speakers

Committee: Oscar Rodriquez, Weitz Golf International

Fundraising Committee:

David Zipps, Caterpillar, Inc.

Government & Environmental

Affairs Committee: Kurt Huseman, Landscapes Unlimited, LLC

Member Benefits Committee:

Steve Sakurai, Ewing Irrigation Corporation, Golf Division

Meetings Committee: (co-chairs)

Steve Christman, Eagle Golf & Landscape Products and Ellen Davis, Waupaca Sand & Solutions, SportZmix Solutions

Membership Committee:

John McDonald II, McDonald & Sons, Inc.

Nominating Committee:

Thomas Shapland, Wadsworth Golf Construction

Rossi Award Committee:

Bob Bryant, Bryant Taylor Gordon Golf

Rules & Resolutions

Committee: Ellen Davis, Waupaca Sand & Solutions, SportZmix Solutions

Summer Meeting Golf

Committee: Rick Elyea, JacklinGolf

Strategic Planning

Committee: Dennis Wagner, Kilpatrick Company

Committee Chairs will select members to their respective committees from the general GCBA membership.

GCBA 2008 Guide to Estimating Golf Course Construction

The 2008 Guide to Estimating Golf Course Construction is now available for purchase. To order, go to www.gcbaa.org, or contact the Golf Course Builders Association of America at (402) 476-4444.



The updated guide features average prices and quantities for more than 60 line items and New Course Construction, Full 18 Hole Renovation, Greens and Tee Renovation, Green Renovation, Bunker Renovation, and Irrigation Renovation projects.

Average costs and quantities are provided as usual. New to the guide is a manual override that allows you to customize your project based on your project quantities.

The estimates used in this guide are actual averages and costs provided by the GCBA membership. The averages account for over 80% of the Golf Course Construction in the past year.

Included in the CD-ROM are graphs and charts trending the different costs of golf construction over past years along with calculation formulas and descriptions of the different products and materials used in construction.

The cost of the CD-ROM is \$100 + shipping for non-members of the GCBA and \$50 for members.

Contact the GCBA with any questions.

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Building of the Tee

As a member of the GCBA, it was with great pride that Ryangolf was chosen (volunteered) as the contractor to lead the construction project this year at the GIS Show in Orlando. Once Phil Garcia accepted this honor he quickly appointed me to the position of Project Manager. He and I sat down and started brain storming almost immediately. We were quickly introduced to the team that had been put together to meet the goals of this year's show. They were: Caroline Gollier, Sherry Light, Drew Rodgers, Brian Vinchesi, and Paul Foley.

Having been part of the Building of the Green at the GIS show in 2005, I knew the level of commitment that was expected and the amount of planning and coordination that was required to meet the expectations of the Associations involved. I also knew that working with the team that had been assembled would make it easy to be successful.

By our first few meetings we had reviewed a drawing by Drew Rogers that met all of the criteria that we had envisioned. One of our goals was to change significantly the overall impression of the builder's area. We did this by allowing the visitor traffic to walk through the exhibit and become part of the exhibit which allowed interaction amongst them. We also wanted to take away the straight edged borders along the floor space which in the past had been lined with construction fences. In addition, a landscape component was added to naturalize and complement the finished look desired.

We also decided to have the area act as a display rather than a work in progress. We achieved this by designing a very large to-scale cutaway box faced with Plexiglas to show the soil profile below the tee surface depicting "V" type of tee

construction. This cut away box was mounted to a full scale bulkhead that was prefabricated prior to the show. The bulkhead allowed us to maximize the area and set up for the walkway through the display. Along with the cut away box we also showed another cross section on the forward tees showing a different type of tee construction. The bulkhead walk way worked well in allowing people a place to rest, meet and talk about the different grass types that were displayed and their opinions regarding the best way to construct tee boxes.

The American Society of Irrigation Consultants supplied sprinklers, valves, piping and drip tubing to put the finishing touches on the display and to show different techniques of delivering water to the turf grass.

The team worked hard developing a program of topics for the speakers from the American Society of Golf Course Architects, The American Society of Golf Course Superintendents and Golf Course Builders Association of America. These speakers did a great job with their presentations adding a live dimension to the display. We also hosted the Remolding University class which was part of the curriculum at the GIS Show for a personalized field trip of the display.

Looking back on the Building of the Tee, I believe the success was based on a good team effort from all groups involved and the importance of having a good plan and professionals to execute it. All of the Associations gave 110% effort and can be proud of the results that were achieved.

Thank you to all the volunteers and to our sponsors for the time and materials donated to construct this project.

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