

EDMUND B. AULT



Edmund B. Ault, one of the country's leading golf course architects, passed away recently at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, MD. He was 81.

Ault, a pioneer in designing economical municipal and public golf courses, was president of Ault, Clark & Associates, Ltd. Wheaton, MD. He was elected a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects in 1973, and a fellow in 1984.

Ault believed that "an important feature [of a good golf course] is visibility, so that the player can see the entire hole from tee to green whenever possible. Another is to have a sufficient degree of challenge so that when a golfer makes a par he feels he has accomplished something.

"Greens should be of adequate size and contoured in a subtle manner so that a good putt is a performance of skill, not luck. The approach to the green should be sufficiently trapped to present some challenge, but seldom should be entirely blocked off."

Among Ault's many designs are the Country Club of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV; Palmetto at Myrtlewood Golf Course, Myrtle Beach, SC; Carrollwood Village, Tampa, FL; Tournament Players Club at Avenel, Potomac, MD; and Toftrees Golf Course, State College, PA.

COOK TO JOIN ALLSTARS ON TOUR OF RUSSIA

Murray Cook, head groundskeeper for the spring training baseball complex in West Palm Beach, FL, becomes a U.S. ambassador of sports turf this month when he accompanies the Double A Eastern League allstars to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for a two-week, four-city tour of exhibition games.

The producers of the Diamond Diplomacy Tour asked Cook, one trainer, and one doctor to travel with the players. A total of 110 players, coaches, and support staff will board a plane heading for Moscow on September 20.

"We will be playing mainly in soccer stadiums," said Cook, "including Moscow University and the stadium in Kiev. It will be a great experience to share our baseball heritage with the Russians. I'm really looking forward to meeting the groundskeepers at each location."

NICKLAUS JOINS ASGCA

Professional golfer Jack Nicklaus has been an established golf course architect for nearly two decades, yet he has just recently been accepted as a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects. Nicklaus has been accepted as an associate, but is not yet a full member.

"As in most organizations, you have to be an associate member before you can be a full member," said Paul Fuller, executive secretary of the ASGCA. "Jack's never applied before."

Beside the minimum five-course requirement, an applicant must be recommended by three members, who for Nicklaus were Ron Kirby, Robert Trent Jones Jr., and Pete Dye.

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