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Tom Morgan Selected as 2009 IAGA Distinguished Service Award Recipient



STUDIO CITY, Calif. (September 9, 2009) – Tom Morgan, former executive director of the Southern California Golf Association, has been named the 2009 International Association of Golf Administrators (IAGA) Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Morgan retired in 2006 after 13 years as the SCGA executive director, concluding a 33-year career in the golf industry. Morgan began as an assistant executive director at the SCGA in 1972. He then spent 10 years as the executive director of the Century Club of San Diego, which presents the PGA Tour event now known as the Buick Invitational, before returning to the SCGA to assume the executive director position in 1993.

“Tom Morgan in his career served as one of the distinguished statesmen for the game of golf,” said Kevin Heaney, current executive director of the SCGA. “Through his multi-faceted work, he touched both the amateur and professional golfer. Beyond his many impressive accomplishments, however, people will long remember the great guy that is Tom Morgan, a most deserving recipient of the IAGA Distinguished Service Award.”

A graduate of UC Santa Barbara, Morgan was assistant athletic director and business manager there and assistant commissioner of athletics for the California Interscholastic Federation prior to joining the SCGA. Morgan extended his impact on the golf community serving as IAGA president in 2006 and has been actively involved in national and regional organizations including the United States Golf Association’s Regional Associations and Joe Dey Award Committees, golf advisory committees for the City and County of Los Angeles, the Southern California Section of the PGA and the Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission.

“This was a very, very nice surprise,” said Morgan. “I am deeply honored to have been selected and to be able to join the distinguished company of the previous winners of this esteemed award. It is made even more meaningful and special because it comes from my peers in the golf industry, and I am most grateful to all of those who participated in the selection process.”

The IAGA Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who exemplify the IAGA’s mission to “promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.” Morgan, the 16th recipient of the IAGA Distinguished Service Award, will be honored at an awards dinner on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in The Woodlands, Texas.

About the International Association of Golf Administrators (IAGA):

Originally created in 1968 as a small, informal gathering, the IAGA now includes over 250 golf administrators representing over 3 million golfers. Members are golf administrators of regional amateur golf associations and employees of national and international golf organizations. The IAGA has members from the United States Golf Association, the Royal Canadian Golf Association, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, the PGA of America, Club Managers Association of America, National Golf Foundation, National Club Association and most of the state and provincial golf associations throughout North America.

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