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2013 Big Year for Raymond Hearn Golf Course Designs Inc. (Holland, MI)

Holland, Michigan, 12-5-2013 – Major golf industry awards for innovation and excellence, international design work and multiple remodeling projects marked a banner year of significant accomplishments for Raymond Hearn Golf Course Designs Inc.

“It was definitely a great year for us,” Raymond Hearn, president of the firm said. “Great projects and great clients typically yield great results. Numerous remodeling projects in the U.S. and abroad definitely helped a lot.”

Remodeling projects at the Mistwood Golf Club (Romeoville, IL), Club de Golf de Panama (Panama City, Panama), Lincolnshire Fields CC (Champaign, IL), Island Hills Golf Club (Centreville, MI), the master planning of a new 9 hole par 3 course in El Salvador and the master planning of a new par 3 golf hole within Seoul (Korea) city limits were the highlight projects of the year.

“Our Global Innovator Award from Golf Inc. Magazine was a huge honor when you look at who is on this list and the innovation each person has created,” Hearn said. “The Design Excellence Award from the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) meant the most to me as this was decided upon by colleges in the ASGCA.”

Remodeling efforts at the Island Hills Golf Club (Centreville, MI) and Mistwood Golf Club (Romeoville, IL) received player and media attention. Hearn said it was due to the commitment of two incredible owners and the innovative remodeling they allowed him to complete for their courses.

Island Hills was a complete master plan remodel intended to grow the game by making the course more strategic and appealing to all golfers with updates on every hole, while offering short-course play options. The 5-, 7- and 12-hole courses offer golfers different play options on non-peak play days. Newly remodeled features reduced surface areas, which provide operational savings. Short-course options allow golfers, including super-

seniors, women, and juniors, to play for less cost, and remodeled holes were designed to decrease playing time.

The project has been highlighted on the *Golf Channel*, in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Tudor Rose Golf Magazine* in England, *Midwest Golfer's Magazine* (Editor's Choice Award) and other media outlets throughout the United States. The remodeling at Island Hills is the project that garnered Hearn the Design Excellence Award from the ASGCA.

Hearn is also very proud of his work at the Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville, IL which recently received accolades in *GolfDigest.com* with a listing in Ron Whitten's Best New Courses of 2013. *Golf Magazine* also recognized Hearn's redesign work at the Mistwood GC with their prestigious Renovation of the Year Award in December of 2013. Remarkably winning this top design award twice in the last four years.

"The owner, Mr. James McWethy, is probably the most passionate owner I have worked with in my 27-year career," Hearn said. "His love and commitment to Mistwood and the game of golf are off the charts."

Hearn remodeled each hole at Mistwood to improve shot value, strategy and playability. The highlights of the design are hole No. 3 and the driving range, which were both completely redone, revetted wall bunkers and the gorgeous Lannon Stone lake walls.

"Both Island Hills and Mistwood are now on the "must play" list of many golfers in the Great Lakes States and I could not be more proud," Hearn said.



Raymond Hearn's Remodeling Efforts on No. 17 at the Island Hills GC in Centreville, MI

Photo by Mr. Brian Walters



Raymond Hearn's New No. 12 "*Ruins*" at the Island Hills GC in Centreville, MI
Photo by Mr. Peter Schultz



Raymond Hearn's Remodeling Efforts on No. 13 at the Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville, IL
Photo by Mr. Brian Walters



Raymond Hearn's Remodeling of No. 12 at the Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville, IL
Photo by Mr. Peter Schultz

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