The golf course construction industry has lost one of its finest builders. Jack Miller of Margate, Florida, passed away at the untimely age of 45. Jack was a finish contractor who did the final sculpturing on such noted courses as: Cape Eleuthera in the Bahamas, Poinciana Park C.C. in Kissimmee, Fla.; Ocean Reef in North Key Largo, Fla.; Woodmont and Colony West in Tamarac, Fla.; Boca Lago in Boca Raton, Fla.; The Fountains South in Lake Worth, Fla.; Hunters Run in Boynton Beach, Fla.; and the list goes on.

For over 20 years this familiar figure of a man with an Australian digger, dusty cowboy boots, and an ear to ear smile, sat on his yellow D-6 mount and fashioned golf courses that are, or shall be, world renowned. Customarily, the golf course architect receives all the notoriety for the design and final acceptance, with no acclaim going to the professional charged with the design interpretation. Jack had the ability (though a non-golfer) to build a most challenging course with minimal direction from the architect. This was a true gift that was recognized by his colleagues.

A tireless worker who loved his profession, Jack could be found on the job long after dark, planning the next day’s efforts. He was a dedicated family man with strong church affiliations. He will be missed by all who knew him and were touched by his life.

Agronomy Quiz

Match the following:

1. _______ Acid Soil
2. _______ Monocot
3. _______ Hybrid
4. _______ Culm
5. _______ Alkaline Soil
6. _______ Syringe
7. _______ Node
8. _______ Foliar Burn
9. _______ Topdressing
10. _______ Dicot

A. To spray a turf with small amounts of water.
B. Product of a cross between individuals of unlike genetic constitution.
C. Soil whose reaction is below pH 7.
D. A prepared soil mix added to the surface of a turf.
E. The joint of a stem, the region of attachment of leaves to a stem.
F. Soil whose reaction is above pH 7.
G. Plant having two cotyledons in the seed, as in a broad-leaf species.
H. Injury to shoot caused by dehydration due to contact with high concentrations of chemicals, fertilizers, or pesticides.
I. Stem of a grass plant.
J. Plant having one cotyledon in the seed, grasses are an example.

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