USDA honors Dr. Funk for work in turf breeding

The U.S. Department of Agriculture bestowed the Distinguished Service Award in June on Dr. C. Reed Funk, of Rutgers University's State Agricultural Experiment Station.

Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter presented Funk the award for "distinguished scientific achievements in turf breeding and outstanding contributions to the turf industry and the general public."

At commencement in Washington, D.C., Yeutter cited Funk for elevating turfgrass breeding to "an appreciated and respected status."

Yeutter said Funk's impact on the turf industry has been unparalleled, and mentioned Funk's development of the perennial ryegrass Manhattan, Rebel tall fescue, and the turf-type cultivar of Poa trivialis -- three "landmark cultivars."

Funk also developed the first successful method of producing Kentucky bluegrass cultivars by means of intra-specific hybridization of amomitic parents.

More recently he and his students have been involved in the discovery that endophytic fungi are associated with many instances of enhanced performance in perennial ryegrass, tall fescue, hard fescue and chewings fescue. With his students, Funk developed a number of turf-type perennial ryegrasses containing high levels of endophyte.

Verplank and Wood partners in design firm

Touring professionals Willie Wood and Scott Verplank have formed a golf course design firm and already have a course lined up.

Wood and Verplank feel that golf course design needs to get away from target golf and return to traditional concepts," Wood said.

Wood-Verplank Design Consultants has signed a design consulting agreement with Oxford Development Corp. of Oklahoma City, Okla., and architect Randy Heckencamper of Tulsa, Okla., for a daily fee course in Oklahoma City.

"We are excited about our first design project, which will be ready for play in the fall of 1991, and we are looking forward to future projects," Verplank said.

They are headquartered at 6305 Waterford Blvd. in Oklahoma City.

Brighton Crest cited as top community plan

Brighton Crest, a planned golf course community in Fresno, Calif., won the Gold Nugget Grand Award for Best Planned Community Site Plan over 100 Acres at the Pacific Coast Builders Conference in San Francisco in June.

Judges David Jensen Associates of Denver, Colo., "made good use of the natural topography and preserved the site's natural quality."

An 18-hole course, which architect Johnny Miller says is "breath-taking and challenging," is a cornerstone of the development which will include additional courses, homes, shopping facilities, boating and horseback riding.

Millerton New Town Development is developer of the project.

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