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— GCSSAA Seminar on Negotiating in Orlando, Fla.*

10-12 — Canadian Seed Trade Assn. semi-annual convention in Ontario, Ontario.


15-17 — GCSSAA Seminar on Golf Course Construction Techniques & Management in St. George, Utah.*

14-15 — GCSSAA Seminar on Golf Course Design Principles in Renton, Wash.*

16-18 — North Carolina Green Industry Show in Charlotte. Contact show producer at 800-426-2542.

December

2 —-6th Your Home Turf at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Contact Dr. Frank Rosen at 517-353-5690.

3-4 — Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Annual Show in Cincinnati. Contact Lisa Case at 614-574-2598.

3 — New Hampshire GCSA Annual Meeting in Concord, N.H.

4-5 — Pacific Coast Turf & Landscape Conference & Trade Show in Seattle. Contact Scott White at 800-275-9198.

5-6 — GCSSAA Seminar on Golf Course Construction Techniques & Management in Omaha, Neb.*

5-6 — Rocky Mountain Turf Conference in Denver. Contact 303-688-3440.

6-7 — GCSSAA Seminar on Introduction to Integrated Pest Management in Walnut Creek, Calif.*

21 — Pennsylvania Golf Course Owners general membership meeting in Monroeville.

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"I'm no longer crowning tees because every time I crow a tee, from year to year I see half of it being used and half of it not being used. The part that would put the ball below the player's feet is not being used."

Connor said the laser was effective because "I don't have to jockey dirt back and forth."

"In the old days, when a tee area was short of dirt, I'd have to shut the tractor down and bring in dirt if I wanted to hold the grade. What I do now is just hit a button, raise the mast another one-tenth of a foot and it drops the grade. So I can use what dirt I've got to achieve the perfect surface. And if the hole tee ends up being a couple tenths lower or higher, it is of little consequence."

"The greens have always been the artist's tapestry. It's hard to look at a green and say there's a mistake unless it's really blatant. But you could always look at a tee and notice a flaw immediately." Connor looks to a future of designing and renovating golf courses using the computer models, laser equipment, and whatever other marvels modern high-technology brings. "The thing I've had going for me and the reason I've managed to get jobs is by combining these technologies, we have made significant inroads in preserving famous old golf courses like Pebble Beach and Seminole. The combination is hard to beat," he said.

"It took me about six months to put the lasers on. It wasn't the most expensive and time-consuming. But in the long run I think it's really going to be a boon." He said that until 1987 when he renovated Pinehurst No. 2 in North Carolina, a preservation-oriented philosophy was impractical. The technology was too expensive and too slow. "But in the long run I think it's really going to be a boon."

He said that until 1987 when he renovated Pinehurst No. 2 in North Carolina, a preservation-oriented philosophy was impractical. The technology was too expensive and too slow. "That's no longer the case. Computer models of course features become more valuable with each passing year, as subtle changes occur in greens and bunkering due to top dressing, wind, rain and settlement," he said.

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