MAINTENANCE

GCSAA ELECTS OFFICERS

William Roberts of Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., was elected president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, replacing outgoing President Stephen Cadenelli during the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America’s International Conference and Show last month in New Orleans.

Randy Nichols of Cherokee Town & Country Club in Dunwoody, Ga., was elected vice president and Joseph Baidy of Acacia Hills Country Club in McMurray, Pa., along with newcomer Paul McGinnis of Union Hills Country Club in Sun City, Ariz.

SOD FARM INTERNSHIPS OFFERED

Turfgrass management students or those in related programs who are interested in working on a sod farm can submit resumes to the American Sod Producers Association’s Summer Intern Program.

Students should send resumes to ASPA Program Administrator Tom Ford at 1855-A Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

Sod farms seeking seasonal employees can contact Ford at 708-705-9908 or check listings in the association’s bi-monthly Turf News magazine.

"Sod farms will benefit from this program by being able to easily identify and employ qualified, interested individuals, while the students will benefit by gaining significant hands-on experience in turfgrass sod operations," the ASPA said.

POLYMER TEST DETERMINES APPLICATION

TOPEKA, Kan. — Aque Gel International, a distributor of polymers, now has a laboratory test that can accurately determine the application of polymer materials which, when used in turfgrass or agriculture, prove cost-effective in managing scarce water resources.

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LOTIS AWARDS EIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

BOUND BROOK, N.J. — Eight $1,000 Peter Selmer Lot Memorial Scholarship Awards were awarded at the New Jersey Turf Expo.

Northern Illinois University students who received grants, based on high academic achievements in turfgrass science, are Christopher Boyle, Sullivan, Ken Plumley, Victor Nentche, Mario Guglielmoni, James Campbell, Lara Betts and Chen Sok Oh.

Royalties from sales of Tribute tall fescue, royalty contributions from Lots Seed, as well as donations from other corporate and private sources, generate the scholarship funds.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

Bennett overcomes great odds to win title

By Vern Putney

Super Bowl Sunday was far from super for Gary Bennett. The 43-year-old course superintendent at Crickentree Golf Club in Columbus, S.C., was felling trees at his home to make way for a swimming pool. A crashing limetree hit Bennett's right hand, and he drove 25 miles to a hospital, where an intern reset the bone and reattached the finger hanging only by skin.

The injury Jan. 26 appeared devastating. Bennett was scheduled to play 15 days later in the championship flight of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America’s 36-hole medal play tournament at two of four demanding Sawgrass courses in Jacksonville, Fla.

One of 11 scratch players in that select field of 100, Bennett’s dim competitive chances seemed hopeless four days later when his damaged digit was re-examined.

Bennett inquired of the possibility of playing. The answer was a vehement “No!” despite Bennett’s assurance that he had a high pain threshold.

The physician finally said, “OK” but don’t attempt to play until tournament day.” Perhaps it would do no great harm if Bennett made a token appearance, he said.

Bennett sneaked in two practice rounds here, then spread eagled the field with a five-stroke victory. He opened with a 71 at Sawgrass Country Club, and added a 73 at TPC of Sawgrass. Par is 72 on both courses.

Jim Sparks, 64, 225-pound powerhouse from Harrods Creek Country Club in Louisville, Ky., carded 78-76—154 for runner-up honors in his tournament debut.

Tied for third at 155 were Jim Desch, Robert Kronn and Frank Maxwell Jr.


Roger Null of Newords Hills Country Club in St. Louis, seeking his third straight crown, struggled to a 163.

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Ashore he had amputated a sizable stroke bulge, he played the par-4 18th safely, finding the pot bunker of the right green of the waterlogged hole 15th, the left. Bennett was content with a harmless bogey.

Until this sparkling performance in an adverse circumstance, Bennett’s top title credit had been as Louisiana State University Invitational tournament in 1989.
Bennett and Georgia team both gain nat’l title

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come along to assume similar duties last June at Champion Hills. This is the home course of renowned architect Tom Fazio, a part owner. Sparks tumbled from contention with bogeys on holes 7 through 10, recovered with a 15-foot birdie putt on No. 13, sank short putts for birdies on 16 and 17, and canned a four-foot par putt on 18. He was grateful that the pack came back to him.

Fierce winds the first day took a tremendous scoring toll, even of the championship flight comprising scratch to six handicap players. At Sawgrass Country Club, 13 scores were in the 90s, and there was a 100 and 102. Gary Laliberte of Prout’s Neck Country Club in Scarborough, Maine, was in the early hunt until dumping two in a quadruple bogey “snowman” eight. Playing companion Null also found water on that hole for a seven.

Gary Moseley, golf director at Colony Club in Gutenhof, Vienna, Austria, followed a 76 with a disastrous 88. Moseley had finished in the top 1 last year. Originally from North Carolina, Moseley has been a prominent player on the European Continent for more than a decade. He’s used “on holiday” status to enter this international event the past three years. Unfortunately, his game the second round was on holiday.

Though host superintendents Randall Hooper, Jack (Eddie) Snipes and Klauk were helpless to control the harsh weather, their peers applauded course conditions. The 1993 tournament will be in San Diego.


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