Ohio student receives Best Sand scholarship

CHARDON, Ohio — Donald Burnett, Jr., of The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) in Wooster, Ohio, has been awarded a one-year turfgrass management scholarship from the Best Sand Corp.

Burnett is pursuing a golf course superintendent career after working nearly 15 years in industrial sales and marketing. He returned to school in 1994 to study turfgrass management and plans to graduate next January. Since starting school, Burnett has worked on the crew at Barrington Country Club in Aurora, Ohio, and served as assistant superintendent at Fox Meadow Country Club in Medina, Ohio, and Rawiga Country Club in Beville, Ohio.

Best Sand, which supplies sand to courses throughout the U.S. and Canada, presents its scholarship each year to a turfgrass management student from either ATI, Ohio State University or Clark State Community College.

Nine additional holes set to open at historic Indiana golf course

GARRETT, Ind. — One of the oldest golf courses in the Hoosier state will soon become one of the newest.

Richard and Sandra Sholl, owners of the Garrett Country Club, have expanded the longtime, nine-hole course to 18 holes. The Sholls plan to open the new holes by this summer.

The Garrett Country Club was born in 1917 when a group of local businessmen hired Tom Bendelow, a golf course architect from Chicago, to design a nine-hole course. Bendelow designed many courses in the area during the period, including the Medinah Country Club in Chicago (1929), site of the 1990 U.S. Open.

Garrett’s new 136-acre course was designed and built by Schrock Golf and Land Development Inc. of Angola. The construction project was designed so that play could continue on the existing course during the construction and turf-growing periods.

The addition will have four teeing areas on each hole with the course length varying from 4,900 to 6,600 yards.

Plans to convert links into residences draw neighbors’ wrath

EAGAN, Minn. — The future of the public, 18-hole Carriage Hills Golf Course is up in the air now that owner Bill Smith has announced he had an offer for the land from a national developer who wanted to replace the rolling fairways and sculpted greens with houses and condominiums.

Smith said Pulte Homes is interested in developing the land, a possibility that has outraged people living along the fairways.

Smith originally offered to sell the golf course to the city for $5 million. But he then withdrew his offer as the city was in the midst of analyzing the possibility.

Any sale of the golf course would require city approval to change the use of the land to allow housing, according to city officials. Pulte has also made no formal application to the city yet.

Eagan Mayor Tom Egan has said that even if Carriage Hills were sold, the city intends to make sure that there is another 18-hole public course available to replace it. There are currently two other golf facilities in Eagan — privately-owned, 18-hole Parkview executive golf course and private, nine-hole Lost Spur Country Club.

Facelift proposed at Memphis muni track

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Parks Commission has approved a $2.2 million renovation proposal for the Galloway Golf Course and clubhouse.

If approved by the City Council, the renovation would start a multi-year project to revamp all the city’s golf courses. The Parks Commission also approved $40,000 to plan renovations at the Fox Meadows Golf Course. It also included $200,000 to start planning an upscale, 18-hole daily-fee layout at Riverside Golf Course, which is currently a nine-hole track.

Park Commission chairman John Malmo said the upgraded Riverside course could be the equal of Southwind, the nearby Tournament Players Club.

LAFEVER REJOINS KEMPER AT PIPESTONE

MIAMISBURG, Ohio — John Lafever has rejoined Kemper Management Co. as general manager of city-owned Pipestone Golf Club and Mound Golf Course. He will be responsible for daily operations at the two facilities. Lafever previously served Kemper as club manager at the Golf Club of West Virginia in Parkersburg.