**BRIEFS**

**GERRY WHITE STAYS ON IN MAINE**

FALMOUTH, Maine — Gerry White, superintendent at Point Sebago Outdoor Resort in Casco, was re-elected in December to a second term as president of the Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association. Remaining in place for a second year are Vice President Scott Cybulski of Falmouth Country Club, Secretary/Treasurer Dick Fahey of Poland Spring (Maine) Country Club, Past President Mark Verhey in Rockport and Directors Bob Myers in Brunswick and Directors Bob Myers of Union Country Club in Appleton and Tom Small of Abenakee Club in Biddeford Pool. Jeff Hevey of Dutch Elm Golf Course in Arundel or Gregg Grenert of Samoset Resort Golf Course in Rockport was elected to fill the third director's position.

**NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE SLATED**

The 2nd annual New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show (NERTCS) will be held at the Rhode Island Convention Center here, March 2-4. The conference will feature seminars for turf professionals, at which rectification credits can be earned. Sessions will focus on golf course management, landscape care, sports turf, athletic field and municipal turf management, as well as machinery and shop maintenance. More information is available from the NERTCS show office at 401-448-0004.

**DPC HIRES MOOREHEAD**

LONGWOOD, Fla. — George E. Moorehead has joined Diamond Players Club (DPC) as superintendent of Webka Golf Club here, it was announced by Todd Strittlemire, DPC president. Diamond Players Club is a golf management company headed by Strittlemire, a Major League pitcher with the Arizona Diamondbacks, and PGA Professional Gregg Gagliardi. Moorehead, a native of Tampa, was formerly assistant superintendent at the Quarry Course of Black Diamond Ranch Golf and Country Club in Leucanto. He has an associate degree in golf course operations from Lake City Community College.

**Paul Harvey's super speaks out**

ELMWOOD PARK, Ill. — Calling Paul Harvey "a wonderful part of the American landscape" and a person who loves the game of golf, the superintendent at the famed radio broadcaster's home course defended Harvey's past tirades against golf courses. Alan Fierst, who Harvey has mentioned a number of times in his daily news broadcasts — including Dec. 2 when Fierst's crews were mowing grass for the first time ever in that winter month — said he does not believe Harvey thinks poorly of golf courses. Harvey has drawn the ire of the golf industry for years after making such claims as there are no birds on golf courses and superintendents are dying from mixing pesticides.

"Frankly," Fierst said, "his [anti-golf] comments have not been recently, and he has tempered them. I don't see it as a concern. He's not militant. But, by and large, I never sensed that [anti-golf sentiment] is Mr. Harvey's personal heart-felt belief."

The course manager at Oak Park Country Club here for 23 years, Fierst said Harvey's comments "cause a little bit of concern, but don't have enough meat in them to push anyone who is really interested in knowing the whole picture to cause trouble."

Harvey's writers, Fierst believes, write his news "for his constituency, who don't need a lot of wide-ranging information. "He has a lot of control over what he reports, but has he internalized it as his own belief? No. He reports what he feels is newsworthy and of value to his constituency, at the level of intellect and depth those people choose to go to."

Saying he is not giving an alibi for others, Fierst continued, "He's not the one who's got to worry about it."

**N. Georgia Tech to graduate first turf students**

By PETER BLAIR

C LARKSVILLE, Ga. — The new golf course turf management program at North Georgia Technical Institute (NGTI) will graduate its first two students this spring.

"We want to put people in the industry as quickly as possible with as much knowledge as possible," said lead instructor Joshua Jackson. "People come to a technical school to get hands-on training. We have more than $100,000 worth of equipment and 70 acres that have been made available to us. We're looking at building a putting green and a practice facility that will be open to the public. We're also looking at building a nine-hole course."

The program arose from a needs survey that revealed a half-dozen courses within 20 miles of the school and a growing landscaping market that witnessed an expansion from two to 15 businesses over the past few years. A healthy turf market coupled with the fact the school (located an hour and 45 minutes northeast of Atlanta) already operated a 140-acre sod farm, indicated a technical school turf program might be a welcome addition to NGTI's offerings.

Chateau Elan Golf Club superintendent Michael Brisoibis demonstrates Stimpmeter use to a group of North Georgia Tech turfgrass students.

Jackson put together a one-year turf and golf course management certificate program requiring 17 in-class credits, 10 credits for a 400-page study manual and one day of hands-on field work per week. The first two students enrolled last fall were Donnie Moorehead of Wehka Golf Course, and Paul Fierst of Ridgeview Country Club in Orange Lake. The two were selected with the aid of a $2,000 golf course scholarship awarded by the Georgia Turfgrass Foundation.

**Brooklake certified**

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Brooklake Country Club has achieved designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS), the educational division of Audubon International. Brooklake Country Club is the 4th in New Jersey and the 141st course in the world to receive the honor. The first three courses in New York, New Jersey and the 141st course in the world to receive the honor. The first three courses in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania were established in 1991 and the 141st course was established in 1993.

**Club adopts school**

SOUTHPORT, N.C. — Carolina National Golf Club at Wingsweep Plantation, a Bluegreen Golf community, has selected Supply Elementary School to participate in Audubon International's Adopt-a-School Program. The program provides a hands-on approach to environmental appreciation, awareness and action that will turn the school into a sanctuary for United States golf courses were only a dozen or so years old. The "heavy equipment" they used to shape the land were horses. The 1800s were steeped in the "discovery" and settlement of America. A deer wandered through the 7th fairway, with natural areas above the bunkers, at Almance Colonies Golf Course in Almance, Iowa.

**Resolutions for Audubon, supers, golfers**

By RON DODSON

It seems that beginning a new year allows an opportunity to look to the past and the future and develop some perspective. So, here it is the first month of the last year of this century. I wonder what people were thinking about in January 1899? I'm sure most people were not, in their wildest fantasies, thinking about international jet travel. The 1980s were steeped in the "discovery" and settlement of America. A large number of people from the East were heading west. The westward migration started by foot, horse and wagon, but by the end of the century automobiles were seen on occasion. Continued on page 18

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While the 1800s were primarily agricultural, the 1900s began as agricultural, grew to industrial, and now at century's end we have moved to an information- and technology-based society.

In some regard, that process has led many of us to lose contact with our historic "connection" to the land. While our grandparents and great-grandparents had to settle their own land, build and defend their own homes, and raise their own food, we purchase a dwelling from someone, drive our car to a grocery store and buy products that have been grown who knows where, and transported to us. Whereas Lewis and Clark took seemingly endless months to make their coast-to-coast journey, we complain about the four-hour plane ride we must now suffer through to make the same trek.

So, for this first month of the last year in this century, I'd like to pose some resolutions for the future, based on what we know of the past.

**For Audubon International:**
- We will continue to focus on improvement of quality of life and the environment through research, education, and conservation assistance.
- We will resist the temptation to become an environmental regulator in our approach to promoting environmental stewardship.
- We will expand membership and programming but remain personally "connected" to our members.
- We will base our environmental policies on sound scientific research.

**For golfers:**
- Remember, golf is only a game! And, it is a game that is rooted in nature.
- Support your golf course superintendent's efforts to manage the course for good playing conditions while caring for the environment.
- Practice environmental stewardship where you live, work and recreate.

**For superintendents:**
- Remember, golf is only a game! And, it is a game that is rooted in nature.
- Join, renew and participate in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.
- Communicate with your golfer members and players. Let them know all of the things that you do and encourage them to follow your lead where they live and work.
- Become involved in community good works, by adopting a local school and helping to educate children.
- Sign up for and use the U.S. Golf Association's Turf Advisory Service.
- Continue to educate yourself by attending seminars and participating in worthwhile projects. Work toward your Certified Golf Course Superintendent designation.

**For golf course architects:**
- Remember, golf is only a game! And, it is a game that is rooted in nature.
- Be a leader in your profession by designing courses that fit the land, fit the environment and can be reasonably maintained after construction.
- Educate landowners about the unsustainable environmental and economic results of building courses on improper sites and in improper ways.

**For other environmental organizations and governmental agencies:**
- Remember, people are who we are talking with and about. It is people with families who have jobs to do that we often chastise while they are trying their best to keep their jobs and care for the environment. It is sometimes a delicate balance.
- Each person and every property is different. Provide direction and a set of principles to follow that can be adapted to each site. That is the way ecology works.

**For All Of Us:**
- Develop a legacy of stewardship of our environment and fellowship of our fellow beings so that our descendents in the next century will be proud of our efforts and example.
- Wishing you the wonders of habitat and wildlife, and the pleasure and satisfaction of environmental stewardship.