

Piller assumes Canadian reins

TORONTO — Dean Piller, superintendent of Cordova Bay Golf Course in Victoria, British Columbia, was elected as president of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association during the 50th Canadian International Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show here.

Also elected were Vice President Merlin Affleck of Stanhope Golf and Country Club (G&CC) in Stanhope, PEI; Secretary-Treasurer and Alberta Director Jay Leach of Cottonwood G&CC in Dewinton, AB; British Columbia Direc-

tor Jim McGarvey of Seymour G&CC in North Vancouver, BC; and Saskatchewan Director Bill Radke of Candle Lake (SK) Golf Course.

Continuing two-year terms are:

- Ontario Director William Fach of York Downs G&CC in Unionville, ON;
- Quebec Director Tim Harkness of Club de Golf Le Royal Bromont in Bromont, QC; and
- Manitoba Director Ian Martinusen of Breezy Bend Country Club in Headingly, MB.

Jim Nix of Abercrombie Country Club, New Glasgow, NS, was appointed Atlantic director to finish Affleck's term.

Delhi students cited

DELHI, N.Y. — Two golf/turf management majors at Delhi College have been awarded scholarships by the Duke Polidor Foundation.

Robert McClay of Wawarsing and Ryan Daly of Cato are recipients of \$1,500 scholarships from the Somer-based foundation.

This marks the second consecutive year that Delhi students have

been selected for this honor, according to Dominic Morales, professor and department chair.

The scholarships honor the memory of Duke Polidor, a University of Massachusetts student who became superintendent at Fairview Country Club in New Jersey. An annual tournament is the principal fund-raiser for the foundation's scholarship program and the event is organized by John Currie, a 1967 Delhi graduate.

Baker home & glad of it

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"Our seasonal staff of 11 averages 18 years of age," Baker said, "and we work well together. There is less power distance between us and they feel comfortable to come to me with suggestions."

Baker grew up about a half mile from the property where course now sits — "land that our family used to rent for pasturing cows," she said.

She has many memories of growing up here: Getting bucked off her horse by hole 10, having picnics under the big trees between holes 5 and 6. Her favorite hole? No. 3, which used to be the local garbage dump but which has been completely cleaned up.

When she graduated from high school in 1994, construction started on the course and she worked for The Links as a summer job in 1995 and 1996.

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Two months before graduating with honors from North Dakota State University in 1998, with a major in horticulture and a minor in business administration, Baker accepted the assistant superintendent position at The Links. But three weeks later the superintendent resigned and course officials offered her the job.

"I gladly accepted it," she said. But then she had to make a quick phone to hire Anderson as her assistant and help out until she graduated.

Baker and her crew installed a fertigation system that has improved the course's turf quality 500 percent, she said, by using two applications of a 28-0-0.

"It was like the Jolly Green Giant came and painted everything green," she said. "We also put out two applications of a 10-34-0 to get our phosphorus levels up."

"Even with all the pressures, I wouldn't trade this job for anything," Baker said. "I love it here and it's beautiful."

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