

BRIEFS



WILLIAM DANIEL CENTER DEDICATED

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — More than 200 Purdue alumni, friends of the Purdue Turf Program and Daniel family, and industry leaders attended the dedication of the Wm. H. Daniel Turfgrass Research and Diagnostic



Center on July 26. The center is a 22-acre research facility on the edge of Purdue University, adjacent to Kampen Golf Course.

It features research projects on many aspects of lawn, sports, and golf turf and a state-of-the-art educational facility complete with classrooms and labs. The Daniel Center is named in memory of Dr. Bill Daniel, long-time Purdue professor and one of the pioneers in the turf industry.

PA. TURF COUNCIL DONATES \$175K

COLLEGE STATION, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council has allocated \$175,000 to support the turfgrass science program in Pennsylvania State University's College of Agricultural Sciences. The council designated its support for agronomy, entomology and plant pathology. The department could use the funds for staff and research support for projects designed to solve problems relating to turfgrass pests and other cultural practices used in the turfgrass industry.

NYSTA SHOW ITS 50TH

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The New York State Turfgrass Association (NYSTA), in cooperation with Cornell University, will celebrate its 50th year at the annual Turf & Grounds Exposition, Nov. 9-11, at the OnCenter here. The conference theme is "Committed to Excellence: Plants, People, The Environment, and You." For more information, people may call NYSTA at 800-873-8873.



N.C. STUDENTS GET SCHOLARSHIPS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Seven North Carolina turf students were awarded monetary scholarships from the Turfgrass Council of North Carolina for the 1999-00 school year. North Carolina State University recipients are James Herns, Casey Reynolds and Matt Fagerness. Catawba Valley Community College recipients are Jerrett Blanton and Brian Plummer. Other recipients are Sandhills Community College's John Clevenger and Brunswick Community College's David Bullard.



Under the charge of Rob Hellstrom, right, Dundarave Golf Club was finished in one season. See story on Dundarave on page 12.



Photo by Peter Blais

Hellstrom: A man for one season

By PETER BLAIS

MONTREAL — Building a golf course in a single season is almost unheard of in snow-packed areas like Canada, the Northeast and Midwest United States. But Robbie Hellstrom, a former superintendent turned golf course consultant, may be changing those expectations.

The Montreal-based, 34-year-old owner of RJH Golf Course Management Services Inc. has turned the single-season trick at two recently built Canadian courses — Le Diable in Mt. Tremblant, Quebec, and Dundarave

Former superintendent builds courses in matter of months

Golf Course and Academy at the Brudenell River Resort on Prince Edward Island (PEI).

"Now that we've done it twice, we may have started a trend that will have to be continued," Hellstrom said.

Hellstrom's firm handles everything from course construction to golf event management. He recently coordinated the Molson's Export A Skins Game featuring John Daly, Fred Couples,

David Duval and Mike Wier at Mt. Tremblant. In addition to building and maintaining the two courses at Mt. Tremblant, he was project manager at Dundarave, the new Michael Hurdzan/Dana Fry design on PEI that opened this summer. Sugarloaf Golf Club in Carrabassett Valley, Maine, also recently hired Hellstrom as course consultant.

Hellstrom started RJH Golf Course Management Services in 1996, while still working for Intrawest, a major North American ski resort operator, at

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Bugged? Try dragonflies

By MARK LESLIE

CASCO, Maine — Superintendent Gerry White had loaded Point Sebago Golf Club with bat and bluebird houses and a purple martin hotel to fight his insect problems. So what else could be done?



ON THE GREEN

Ever hear of dragonflies? As naiads (nymphs) they prey on small aquatic invertebrates, while adults dine on midges, mosquitoes and other insects. The Audubon Society Field Guide to Insects and Spiders states: "Both naiads and adults are highly beneficial predators, destroying huge numbers of mosquitoes."



Gerry White places dragonfly naiads from a container into a pond at Point Sebago Golf Club.

Pursuing the idea planted by a golfer who observed the dragonflies naturally on his course, White set on a mission four years ago to enhance that population in the 10 ponds and various waterways of his 600-acre property. Play a round at Point Sebago today and golfers

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Digital mapping enters various course operations

By KEVIN P. CORBLEY

Unheard of on the golf course just a few years ago, digital mapping technologies are rapidly being integrated into virtually every aspect of course operations.

First, satellite-based GPS surveying was introduced to map irrigation system components, track golf car locations, and calculate yardage from player to pin. Now, superintendents are increasingly turning to another computerized map tool — known as GIS — to manage daily operations and course facilities.

Geographic information system, or GIS, technology has proven so successful at automating land and infrastructure management

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functions in industries such as forestry, electric utilities and oil production that some firms are touting it as the future of golf course maintenance.

GroundLinkx LLC of Littleton, Colo., developer of the GroundLinkx GIS golf course management program, has formed a joint venture with IntraSearch Inc. of Denver, an aerial photography and digital mapping firm, to create fully integrated GIS software and digital map packages customized for individual golf courses. Packaged under the GroundLinkx name since 1994, the new integrated system also runs on a standard Pentium desktop computer.

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'Aerifier dolly' easily rolls around the shop

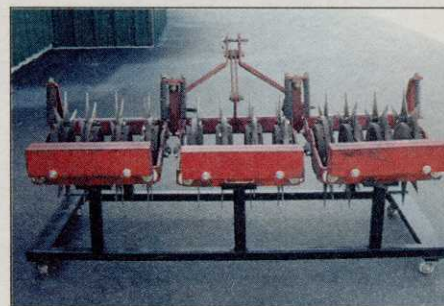
By TERRY BUCHEN

NAPLES, Fla. — Darren J. Davis, superintendent at the Olde Florida Golf Club, and equipment and shop manager Kim Ellis have designed and built an "aerifier dolly" to make their 3-point hitch-mounted aerifier much easier to move around the shop and make repairs, change aerifier tines, slicing blades, etc. without tying up tractor.



SHOP TALK

The frame and five-risers (two front;



Tractor implements can be installed on a three-point hitch easily with this mobile storage system.

three rear) are made of 2-by 2-inch by 1/4-inch square tubing. The 29-by 75-inch frame is lightweight, strong and versatile. The holder or bracket that

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