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BRIEFS

O’NEILL, MAIBUSCH ON GCSAA BOARD

LAWRENCE, Kansas—Golf Course Superintendents Association of America President Scott Woodhead has named two new members to the GCSAA board of directors. Mike Wallace’s election as GCSAA secretary/treasurer and the resignation of director Samuel R. Snyder VII of Hercules Club in Wilmington, Del., left two director positions, each of one-year service, to be filled. Woodhead filled the first position by appointing Tim O’Neill of The Country Club of Darien in Darien, Conn. and the final director spot with Bob Maibusch of Hinsdale Golf Club in Clarendon Hills, Ill.

OTF DONATES $137,000 TO OSU

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Turfgrass Foundation (OTF) has presented a $157,000 check to Ohio State University (OSU), including $137,000 in research grants to 10 technical advisors from OSU and $20,000 in scholarships to turfgrass majors at OSU and Agricultural Technical Institute. The OTF has donated more than $3.3 million in research grants and more than $300,000 in scholarships in its 40 years of support to the industry.

MILLIKEN BENEFITS GCSAA FOUNDATION

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Milliken Chemical Co. has pledged a commitment that could exceed $250,000 to support programs of The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Foundation. The pledge places Milliken in The Foundation’s Old Tom Morris Society, the highest giving level in the “Investing in the Beauty of Golf” campaign created to fund applied research and advanced education. Funding for the commitment comes from a percentage of sales from Milliken Chemical’s foliar product line.

TAYLOR SIGNS ENVIRONMENTAL GOLF

TAYLOR, Calif. — The city of Taylor has selected Environmental Golf to provide maintenance at both Taylor Meadows and Lakes of Taylor golf courses. After five years of maintenance practices being implemented by Environmental Golf at The Lakes of Taylor site, it was the desire of the city to bring both courses under one qualified maintenance company.

Pebble Beach readies for Open

BY DOUG SAUNDERS

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — A smorgasbord of major and minor changes have altered the face of Pebble Beach Golf Links recently, but a new head superintendent and his veteran staff intend to have the course in shape to be “the fairest possible test” for the U.S. Open, June 15-18.

“This is a very professional staff here at Pebble Beach,” said new head superintendent Eric Greystock. “Their experience of preparing for last year’s U.S. Amateur was invaluable in getting Pebble ready for this June. They understand what the USGA [U.S. Golf Association] expects and how to meet those expectations. ‘They know the program and I can rely on them to assist me as I work into my new position. They mean every hing to me.”

This will be the fourth Open and the 10th USGA Championship held at the venerable Pebble Beach. It is fitting that this Open, the 100th contested, should return to the venue that has been the site of some of the greatest dramas in Open

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Kleinpeter: At Sandestin since the start

BY PETER BLAIS

PANDESTIN, Fla. — George Kleinpeter has seen Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort through the construction of four courses and a half-dozen owners in his 27 years at the northwest Florida resort.

“My first job was running a tree spade and transplanting trees all over the property,” remembered Kleinpeter, who first joined Sandestin in October, 1973, as an equipment operator and landscape installer during construction of the resort’s first layout, Tom Jackson-designed Links Golf Course.

It didn’t take Kleinpeter long to advance through the ranks. He became assistant superintendent of the Links in 1975 and head superintendent in 1977. Kleinpeter left his head superintendent’s job (although he remained on the Sandestin payroll) in 1981 to caddie on the PGA Tour. But two years later he returned to Sandestin as full-time Links superintendent.


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Intrawest opens the Raven GC at Sandestin

BY PETER BLAIS

DESTIN, Fla. — The new Raven Golf Club at Sandestin marks a couple firsts for course designer Robert Trent “Bobby” Jones Jr.

The 18-hole, 6,900-yard layout is the first Jones Jr. design in northwest Florida. It is also the first time he and brother Rees have built courses side by side at the same facility.

While the Jones brothers admit their relationship isn’t particularly close, their two courses at Intrawest-owned Sandestin couldn’t be closer. In fact, the 11th hole on Bobby’s new Raven layout and the 18th on Rees’ Burnt Pine Golf Club are separated by only a few mounds and a handful of trees.

“Rees and I are very competitive,” Bobby conceded during a recent media outing at the family resort located between Pensacola and Panama City, eight miles east of Destin. “But there are some