No carts allowed
New private Nicklaus course in Sonoma County is restricted to walkers only

FarmLinks breaks ground
Pursell Technologies Inc. teams with Toro Co. and other industry partners on new course project

U.S. GOLFER AVERAGES

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UpLink to align with Club Car
By A. Overbeck
AUGUSTA, Ga. — Club Car has inked an exclusive alliance with UpLink Corp. as part of an ongoing effort to add complementary products and services to its growing “solutions network.”

Old Course gets a new neighbor
By Jay Finegan
ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — The first of two new 18-hole layouts will open here in September, right across St. Andrews Bay from the Old Course of the Royal & Ancient.

Bank of America suing Golf Trust for $170 million
By Jay Finegan
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bank of America, acting for itself and a group of lenders, has brought suit against the beleaguered Golf Trust of America. The bank is seeking full and immediate repayment of approximately $170 million, plus late charges and attorneys’ fees.

Defibrillator, head pro save golfer’s life
By Jay Finegan
MANCHESTER CENTER, Vt. — Utilizing a Survivalink FirstSave defibrillator, PGA head professional Bob Stearns helped save the life of a golfer at Manchester Country Club.

Kip Tyler brings Salem CC back from the brink
By Andrew Overbeck
PEABODY, Mass. — As the snows and ice of winter and the torrential rains of spring began to depart from Salem Country Club back in April, revealing extensive winterkill damage, superintendent Kip Tyler shook his head, wondering, “Why this year?” Then he got down to business.

The second course – the Devlin Course – opens next summer. Sarazen worked on this course, too, as did former PGA Tour great Bruce Devlin. Equal in challenge to the Torrance track, this par-71 course plays from 7,020 yards from the tips, over its “once in a lifetime opportunity.”

The late Gene Sarazen provided design services on the so-called Torrance Course, named for Sam Torrance, a PGA touring pro who consulted on the design. This par-72 layout, now playable, stretches to 7,026 yards and provides stunning views from cliff-edge trees and greens.

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MANCHESTER CENTER, Vt. — Utilizing a Survivalink FirstSave defibrillator, PGA head professional Bob Stearns helped save the life of a golfer at Manchester Country Club.

Stearns used the automated external defibrillator (or AED) to resuscitate Ted Rugg, a guest playing June 8 on the Manchester course. Immediately after learning that Rugg had collapsed near the 18th green, Stearns grabbed the AED from the wall outside the golf shop and rushed to the victim’s side.

Assistant pro Fred Auletta performed CPR on Rugg at the 18th green. Assistant pro Fred Auletta performed CPR on Rugg at the 18th green. Assistant pro Fred Auletta performed CPR on Rugg at the 18th green.
Saving Salem
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gone,” he said. “I had more dead
grass on the ninth fairway than
I’ve lost in my entire 20 years at
this golf course.”

However, by June 25, Tyler and
his crew had brought the Donald
Ross-designed course back from
the brink of disaster. “I am ec-
static,” said USGA agronomist
Tim Moraghan while touring the
layout during a practice round.
“The course looks great.”

“A CONSTANT PROCESS OF
OVERSEEDING”

How did Tyler do it? Among other
things, he and his crew logged 80-
hour weeks, put down “thousands
of pounds” of seed, and closed the
course until May 25.

“Once we got over the shock,
we got out there with aerifiers
and triple aerified fairways and
greens,” Tyler recounted. “Then
we ran the overseeders and saw
what came up.

“Once the slices and holes
healed, we went out with walk-
behind greens aerifiers and seed-
ers and did one spot at a time.
We would see what came up and
then go out there and do it again.
It was a constant process of
overseeding,” he said.

Tyler’s team put down rye and
bentgrass in the fairways and a
combination of A-4 and G-2
bentgrass on the
greens. The put-
ting green was
sodded with L-93.

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THE USGA

Moraghan
visited the
course several
times before the
Open and was
never worried
about getting it into tournament
shape.

“The Open was going to hap-
pen [at Salem] no matter what,”
he said. “When the club decided
to take the necessary steps and
give Kip a firm commitment on
the needed equipment and ma-
terials, I knew that we’d be OK.”

Closing the course to play was
the key to being able to attack the
damaged areas with such inva-
sive and constant measures.

“The club got behind us, you
have to give them credit for that,”
Tyler said. “Closing the course
allowed us to do what we wanted,
when we wanted, whenever we
wanted. We were able to con-
stantly water seedlings. I could
sit in the office and run cycles
without worrying about getting
players wet.”

50 VOLUNTEERS

When the course reopened to
members, Tyler restricted golf
cars to paths and kept three
greens closed until June 22. “We
have them at the point now that
I don’t think anyone will be able
to tell that there were any prob-
lems,” he said just prior to the
event.

Tyler’s crew and 50 volunteers
worked tirelessly throughout the
Open, double and triple cutting
greens and putting in plenty of
hours. They got a 4:30 a.m. start
Sunday to recover from a wicked
batch of thunderstorms that rolled
through the area Saturday after-
noon, flooding low areas and dam-
aging the irrigation system. How-
ever, with even-par winning the
Open, it’s clear Tyler had Salem
playing at its toughest.

POST-OPEN PAINS

With the Open behind him,
Tyler’s task for the rest of the
summer is going to be getting
the course back in shape for its
golf-starved members and the
number of tournaments and
events that had to be cancelled
this spring. Immediately follow-
ing the Open, his crew went to
work on fixing the trampled
rough, fairway crossings, and
ruts left by heavy equipment,
stands and tents.

Tyler will also have to deal
with members who have seen
the course at its peak.

“I’m getting comments from
members,” said Tyler. “We can
do it every year if we keep the
course closed until May 25, keep
cars on paths, and have crew
working 80-hour weeks.”