BERMUDA RUN, N.C. — Ted Pegram started his career in the family landscaping business when he was five years old after his father sawed the handles down on a shovel and rake for Ted and his brother. Now he’s director of grounds at Ted Pegram’s Bermuda Run Country Club after his father sawed the handles down on the back burner and to please members quickly with little disruption.

Pegram stands next to the club’s fountain which he designed in 1998.

Pegram added 10 feet to the back of the 18th green on the original Bermuda Run CC.

“While I was still driving a golf cart, my dad would let me cut holes out of the sand,” Pegram said. “We used Basamid granules to gas the backs of the greens and started seeding them in ten feet was added to the back of the 18th green to add five more possible pin placements. “We installed annual mist heads around them to keep seeds and seedlings moist and to decrease erosion,” said Pegram. “We hope to get a couple of years out of it to put rebuilding on the back burner and to please members quickly with little disruption.”

The club owner, Don Angell, didn’t like the idea of metal hitting cages for the club, so Pegram devised the idea for a practice arbor. “It was actually less expensive and a lot more fitting than the metal cages on the market,” explained Pegram. Located at the BR West facility, Wisteria vines will grow to help cover the arbor by next year, according to Pegram.

The resort has hosted The Crosby Invitational Celebrity Golf Tournament since 1986. “The tournament is the largest charity sporting event in the nation,” said Pegram. “I’m currently making plans to host a Senior Tour event here in May 2003.”

“I have a great staff here, and I get along extremely well with upper management,” he added. “I realize that could change overnight, but I’m enjoying it now. I hope that when I leave here, I’m known for my flowers and aesthetics as well as my greenkeeping capabilities.”

Environmental Golf adds Ledges Golf Club

CALABASAS, Calif. — Environmental Golf has signed a multi-million dollar golf course maintenance contract with the Town of South Hadley, Mass., for the city-owned Ledges Golf Club. Opened to the public in August, the par 72, 6,507-yard Ledges layout is an 18-hole design by the Howard Maurer Design Group. The five-year agreement covers agronomic resources and maintenance on the course as well as the club’s landscape and includes a fixed fee for grow-in services. Superintendent Mike Jordon, who has overseen the grow-in, will head up the maintenance team at the Ledges. The course is the third property in Environmental Golf’s Northeast portfolio.

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