

Whitepath takes home John Deere Int'l title

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The Whitepath Golf Club team from Ellijay, Ga., placed first in the fifteenth annual John Deere International Team Championship Golf Tournament posting a two day total of 102. The event was held here Nov. 15-18 on the Talon and Raptor golf courses at Grayhawk Golf Club.

A total of 35 teams from across the United States, Canada, Germany and Australia competed in the final event. This was the first year that teams from outside North America participated in the tournament.

As part of the tournament, John Deere contributed \$30 for each of the teams competing at

the local tournaments to either the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's "Investing in the beauty of golf" campaign, the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association scholarship fund, or the German and Australian superintendents associations. The company gave more than \$28,000 this year.



The winning team from Georgia's Whitepath Golf Club

Members of the winning team from Whitepath Golf Club were: Tony Smith, club manager; Tim Land, club president; Mike Brumby, superintendent; Lonnie Reece, golf professional; and Dane Hanger, representative of John Deere distributor, Georgia Turf & Tractor of Alpharetta, Ga.

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Toro closures

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will be completed 60 to 90 days later.

The two plant closures will result in a restructuring and other expense charge in the first quarter of between \$7.4 and \$7.9 million.

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In other news, the Toro Co. has finalized the integration of Goossen debris products into its equipment line with the first of two new blowers being shipped last month from its manufacturing facility in Beatrice, Neb.

The two new products, the Toro Debris Blower 400 and 600, are capable of clearing areas of leaves, twigs, pine needles, clippings and other debris.

The 400 unit is a compact unit that is tuned to clear small areas and is ideally suited to clearing dew from work or play areas in the early morning. The 600 unit has a 36-inch fan that produces 9,324 cubic feet per minute airflow and an air velocity of 153 mph. It features a bi-directional discharge allowing the user to change airflow direction instantly. ■

Harrell's buy

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you grow," he said. "We feel fortunate that we can expand our service area in a time when many companies are scaling back."

Wilson said 2001 was another year of growth for Harrell's and expects 2002 to be even stronger. Harrell's will look to add more sales volume in the new Wilbro territories by adding seed and chemicals to the existing mix of fertilizer products.

"We also intend to prospect and add to our customer base across the Southeast. We will look at each territory and see where more sales staff could be added," he said. ■

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