Laubach receives Piper and Oakley Award

FAR HILLS, N J. — The United States Golf Association’s Green Section has honored Robert A. Laubach of Scottsdale, Ariz., with the its Piper and Oakley Award. The award was established in 1998 to recognize meritorious service to the USGA Green Section and the game of golf by a volunteer.

Laubach has been a member of the USGA Green Section committee since 1974 and has participated in several meetings of the USGA turfgrass and environmental research committee. He also served on the USGA sectional affairs committee (1981-1999) and Senior Amateur Championship committee (1994-99). In 1999 he received the Ike Grainger Award, given by the USGA in recognition of at least 25 years of volunteer service to the organization. In addition, he is a past president of the MacKenzie Society, former director of the Golf Association of Michigan, and a former vice-president of the Arizona Golf Association.

Dr. Charles V. Piper and Dr. Russell A. Oakley were among the earliest scientists to conduct studies in the fields of turfgrass science and golf course management, and served as the first chairman and co-chairman of the USGA Green Section when it was formed in 1920. The Piper and Oakley Award periodically recognizes others who have so generously contributed to the programs and activities of the USGA Green Section.

Troon adds 10 in Q1

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Management company Troon Golf experienced a record first quarter as it grew its portfolio by 10 properties, which extended its presence into new markets worldwide.

The following are Troon’s first quarter additions, which bring Troon’s management operations total to 115 courses in 23 states and 10 countries:

• Estrella Mountain Ranch, Goodyear, Ariz.
• Flying Horse Ranch, Colorado Springs, Colo.
• Poplar Hills Golf Club, Farmville, Va.
• Georgia Tech Club, Alpharetta, Ga.
• Oblong Valley Country Club, Amenia, N.Y.
• Newport National Golf Club, Newport, R.I.
• CapCana, Dominican Republic
• Denarau Golf & Racquet Club, Denaru Island, Fiji
• Arabian Ranches, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
• Tres Vidas Acapulco Golf Club, Acapulco, Mexico

Delhi College students win scholarships

DELHI, N.Y. — Delhi College students Casey Grann of Jamestown and Benjamin Nash of Skaneateles have each been awarded a $1,500 scholarship by the Duke Polidor Foundation.

This is the fifth consecutive year that Delhi College students have won the award, which is administered by the New Jersey Turfgrass Association and the New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation. The scholarship is given in the name of former Fairview Country Club (N.J.) superintendent Duke Polidor. It is awarded yearly to students in both undergraduate and graduate programs in turf-related disciplines.