Same name, different course

After reading your June 2008 edition, I want to point out what I think is a misleading statement. In "Curators of the course," author Peter Blais writes (on page 59), "Alex Findlay ... designed more than 100 courses, including ... Aronimink Golf Club in Philadelphia." Findlay helped design Aronimink when it moved from its 1896 original location in West Philadelphia to Drexel Hill, an immediate suburb of Philadelphia, and merged with the Belmont Cricket Club. But about 10 years later, in 1928, Aronimink expanded and bought a piece of property in Newtown Square, a western suburb of Philadelphia, and hired Donald Ross to design what is now known and recognized as the famed Aronimink Golf Club. So while Findlay did design the second site of Aronimink, he had nothing to do with the third and current famous course that Ross designed, which it seems the writer implied. I don’t want readers to be confused or misinformed.

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Brotherly love

I just love Pat Jones' "An Unbreakable Bond" article (page 82, June 2008). Even as a chapter executive, my major professor is still important. In fact, Nick Christians, Ph.D., was in the Iowa GCSA office recently. Jones continues to amaze me with his understanding of this brotherhood. I thank him for his efforts.

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CALENDAR

Sept. 12
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS TURFGRASS FIELD DAY
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Visit www.illinoisturfgrassfoundation.org, or call 630-243-9483.

Sept. 16 - 19
FLORIDA TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION'S 56TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND SHOW
PGA National Resort & Spa
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
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Oct. 23 - 25
THE GREEN INDUSTRY AND EQUIPMENT EXPO
Kentucky Exposition Center
Louisville, Ky.
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Nov. 9 - 11
CALIFORNIA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION STATE MEETING
Morongo Casino Resort and Spa
Cabazon, Calif.

Nov. 9 - 11
KENTUCKY TURFGRASS CONFERENCE
Sloan Convention Center
Bowling Green, Ky.
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Nov. 17 - 20
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Dec. 8 - 10
TEXAS TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE & SHOW
Fort Worth Convention Center

Dec. 8 - 11
OHIO TURFGRASS CONFERENCE & SHOW
Greater Columbus Convention Center

Dec. 9 - 11
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