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Wild Birds Can’t Hide ...

... from the sharp eyes of birders. According to Audubon International, 317 bird total species were identified on 68 golf courses nationwide during its 2004 North American Birdwatching Open held this spring. The Open was held over 24 hours on golf courses that participate in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary and Audubon Signature Programs. Eagles Landing Golf Course in Berlin, Md., had the highest number of bird species sighted with 95. Overall, the top species sighted were:

- Warblers - 32
- Hawks - 13
- Woodpeckers - 10

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TIDBIT OF THE MONTH

‘Big’ Plans in Texas

Though it now looks like San Antonio’s PGA Village project is a long shot, Texas is still the place for large-scale golf resorts. New golf destinations are either in planning or under construction in Austin, Fredericksburg, Grand Prairie, Horseshoe Bay, Kerrville and San Marcos. For more details, visit the South-Central region of www.golfconstructionnews.com.

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Golf Rounds Played

The percentages below represent the difference in number of rounds played in May 2004 compared to the number of rounds played in May 2003.

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Join the Club

Country clubs bring in big bucks – as in billions. Check out these numbers from the Club Managers Association of America:

- Gross revenues equaled $10.16 billion for all clubs in 2003.
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The National Golf Foundation (NGF) reports in its Quarterly Rounds Played Report that rounds were up 2.5 percent for the first six months of 2004 when compared to the same time last year.

Rounds increased .9 percent in the second quarter and 6.9 percent in the first quarter. April was the strongest month nationwide with an increase of 4.9 percent, while May and June were slightly down. The nearly 1 percent gain for the quarter compares to a nearly 3 percent loss in 2003 from 2002.

This report marks the third consecutive quarter that rounds have increased over the previous year. NGF estimates that about one-third of rounds in the United States occur in each of the second and third quarters, so the next quarter will have a significant impact on whether the six-month gains will continue.

How did Hudson Hills ever get built?
It takes a special occasion to upstage a former president, but that was the case when the Mark Mungeam-designed Hudson Hills Golf Course, in Newcastle, N.Y., celebrated its grand opening in late May.

Bill Clinton, a resident of neighboring Chappaqua, was on hand to cut the ribbon, but the layout itself — a daily-fee design on 150 acres of rolling terrain — was definitely the star attraction. The last time a public course debuted here in tony Westchester County, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was mid-way through his second term.

Westchester has always been a golf mecca — for the privileged. There are 59 private clubs there. How exactly were 150 acres in the heart of America’s most lucrative real estate market made available for the county’s first public golf course in 66 years?

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Quebec Club stakes its claim to having oldest maintenance facility in North America. Any challengers?

The oldest golf course maintenance facility in North America might just be the one at Club de Golf Beaconsfield in Pointe-Claire, Quebec.

The facility for the private, 18-hole course dates before the Klondike Gold Rush, before the Canadian-Pacific Railway linked the country and way before Canada’s confederation as a sovereign nation in 1867.

In U.S. terms, the maintenance facility goes back well before the Civil War. It likely dates to the presidency of Franklin Pierce, before Minnesota or Kansas became states.

Doug Meyer, certified superintendent at Beaconsfield, is staking his claim to the title of having the oldest maintenance facility on the continent. While the building was not always used for golf, we are willing to say the crown is Beaconsfield’s until someone can prove his or her maintenance facility is older.

In the mid 1800s, a bridge was needed to span the St. Lawrence River. The task of laying foundations for the Victoria Bridge began in 1854, Meyer relates. In its commission to build the bridge, the Grand Trunk Railway determined that the Pointe-Claire Quarry was the ideal source for the huge limestone blocks required for the job.

“The stone-cutting site was the limestone plateau that now forms the base for the 12th tee, the field bar, the 11th tee, the practice putting green, the 1st tee and the backdrop for the 15th hole,” Meyer says.

The company built a rail line running from the site to Lac St. Louis.
Although a new maintenance facility was built in 1984, “The Barn” is still used as a storage facility for turf equipment.

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where barges were loaded with 100 tons of quarry stone and sent down the river directly to the bridge site.

“The quarry operators built two buildings at the time — one to house horses used in the hauling operations and the other to house the stone workers who lived out of the district,” Meyer explains.

The stable, which fell into disrepair, was finally removed from the 14th fairway in 1977. The other building, which members today refer to as “The Barn,” still stands alongside the 16th fairway. It’s an integral part of the hole.

“It has been in continuous use since its construction … first as a bunkhouse, then as a storage building for dynamite and blasting powder,” Meyer says.

When the newly formed Beaconsfield Golf Club purchased the land, the north end of the building became the first clubhouse while horses were stabled in the south end. Later, the building was put to use as the golf course maintenance building for the club.

In 1984, a new, modern facility was constructed for the turf maintenance department. Today the barn is still used as a storage facility for turf equipment as well as a paint room. The stalls for the horses that were used in the early days for maintaining the course are still in place.

In 2003, major restoration was done on the building, including repairs to the roof, windows and stonework. Plans include restoration of parts of the interior for use as meeting rooms for the greens committee and for staff rooms.

“The 30-inch-thick stone walls of the barn are still in good condition, and I fully expect the building to stand for many more years,” Meyer says. “It’s not listed on any historical registers, and I do not expect it to be so.” (That is because it continues to be a working building, not merely a museum.) Meyer adds, “its role at Beaconsfield will no doubt continue to evolve.”
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Off The Fringe

Business briefs

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"The main portion of the land we used for Hudson Hills Golf Club was to be a golf course," explains Mungeam, a partner with Uxbridge, Mass.-based Cornish, Silva and Mungeam. "It was a private club called Pine Ridge when it opened in the 1920s, though the club changed its name many times; it became Sunset Hills, then Pine Ridge again before it took the name Hudson Hills Golf Club in the mid-1960s."

The club closed in 1982, when IBM purchased the property with plans to build a corporate research laboratory there. Those plans never materialized. The county stepped in, bought the land back and retained Mungeam to design a new course.

Cleghorn named president of PTI

Sylacauga, Ala.-based Pursell Technologies Inc. (PTI) promoted Arnold Cleghorn to president. PTI is celebrating its centennial year, Inc. (PTI) promoted Arnold Cleghorn to president and chief operating officer. The company will continue as COO.

Buffalo acquires topdressers

Buffalo Turbine recently acquired Terracare's Terratopper line of topdressers. Production of the New Buffalo Turbine BT-1000 Terratopper (Terracare's T-1000) commenced in June at the Buffalo Turbine Manufacturing facility in Springville, N.Y.

Candid Camera and a Hole-in-One

A Cleveland entrepreneur came up with a great idea that led to a great hole-in-one contest at a great Cleveland golf course.

First, the golf course is called Manakiki Golf Course, a classic Donald Ross design located in the Cleveland suburb of Willoughby Hills.

Second, the entrepreneur, Mike Burkons, developed a cool hole-in-one monitoring system that is vital to the contest. Through Burkons' extensive knowledge of outdoor surveillance cameras, the course was able to set up a system that eliminates the need for human monitors and the organizational challenge of arranging such a contest.

Third, the contest, which began in late July, runs through this season. Every paying golfer will be awarded $1,000 if he or she makes a hole in one on Manakiki's No. 7. Every golfer is given a ticket from the cashier upon paying for their rounds. When golfers reach No. 7, they insert their tickets into the kiosk at the tee. Once a ticket is read and validated, the surveillance camera monitors a golfer's first shot to see if he or she makes a hole-in-one.

Golfers can also purchase $1 to $5 upgrades to increase the value of the prize (if they make holes-in-one) when paying for their rounds. For instance, a $4 upgrade brings $7500 in cash and a $1,000 gift certificate for golf at Manakiki.

Also, for every $1 upgrade, 10 cents is donated to the First Tee of Cleveland.

For more information about installing the hole-in-one monitoring system on your course, call 216-241-3202.

George Hamilton Died as He Lived — With Grace

PENN STATE PROFESSOR SUCCUMBS TO CANCER AT 43

By Frank H. Andorka Jr., Managing Editor

George Hamilton's impact on the industry could be measured by many different criteria, but no singular measure of success could ever fully explain the effect he had on so many people's lives — including mine — over the years.

I first experienced George, an assistant professor of turfgrass management at Penn State University, who died in July at 43 after a yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer, at the 1999 Penn State Golf Turf Conference when he was a senior lecturer. I joined Golfdom a mere three months before and was still trying to get my bearings in the industry. I asked him for his advice about what I should be listening for next.

I needn't have feared rejection or scorn, of course (indeed, I sincerely doubt George was capable of those emotions). Instead, he shook my hand warmly after I introduced myself and seemed genuinely concerned that I not feel left out of the conference's proceedings. I never forgot George's generosity of spirit, and it never left him, either — not even in the face of the biggest battle of his life this past year.

I appreciated the comfort he felt in his own skin, his ever-present optimism and his essential humanity. That's why the news of George's death hits me particularly hard — I was so sure that by sheer force of his personality and will that he would win this battle, too. The industry will be a poorer place without him.

A longer version of this piece can be seen at www.golfdom.com in the July 15 edition of the Golfdom Insider newsletter.
Course champions

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SUPERINTENDENT WINS
INAUGURAL SUPERINTENDENT’S CUP AT PEOPLE VS. THE PROS

By Larry Aylward, Editor

Superintendent Kip Wilson came close, but there still was a cigar when it was over.

Wilson nearly earned the right to play John Daly for $100,000 in the People vs. the Pros national tournament held last month at Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina. The spoils weren’t bad, however. Wilson, who lost to a Michigan golfer for the right to play Daly, ended up playing in and winning the event’s Superintendent’s Cup — sponsored by BASF Turf & Ornamental — and collecting a $10,000 check and $10,000 worth of free BASF products.

“This was a dream come true,” said Wilson, who played for the Superintendent’s Cup on Pinehurst’s famed No. 2 course.

Wilson, superintendent of American Legion Golf Course in Kokomo, Ind., was one of 12 superintendents who participated in the People vs. the Pros tournament, which will be televised on ESPN in October. BASF sent the superintendents, all winners from regional qualifying tournaments held around the country, to the tournament and put them up at Pinehurst for several nights.

The second-annual People vs. the Pros featured 240 amateur golfers who competed in two three-day, 54-hole tournaments using their registered handicaps. The two winners in those tournaments — one in a 50-and-over division and one in a 49-and-under division — were pitted in head-to-head competition against PGA professionals Gary McCord and Daly, respectively.

BASF introduced the Superintendent’s Cup this year. The tournament featured the top two superintendents overall from the three-day tournaments squaring off on Pinehurst No. 2. Wilson defeated Matthew Fitzpatrick, superintendent of Dublin (Ga.) Country Club, who won $5,000.

Wilson was near the top of the leader board on the final day of the three-day tournament, but he and two others in the foursome lost to John Snieszowski of Cadillac, Mich., who went on to defeat Daly the next day and earn the $100,000. (McCord also lost to amateur Phil Johnson in the 50-and-over division.)

But Wilson, a 15 handicap, played strong the next day to win the Superintendent’s Cup. He said he plans to invest some of the money in a college fund for his two small children. “My owner told me I wasn’t going to get a raise for a couple of years,” Wilson joked.

Wilson also said he plans on redeeming the $10,000 in free product for Insignia and Emerald, BASF’s two new fungicides.

After getting a taste of playing a tournament for money, Wilson knows how pressure-packed the PGA Tour must be. “Anybody who says that’s an easy job … they don’t know what they’re talking about,” he said.

Wilson, who took his wife Stacy to the event, said he would never forget the experience, especially playing on Pinehurst No. 2.

“John Daly played six holes with (from left) William Strickland, senior marketing manager for BASF Professional Turf; Bill Wisdom, group vice president of BASF Agricultural Products North America; Steve Mona, CEO of the GCSAA; and Jim Wilburn, president and CEO of Winnercomm. After playing three of the six holes with Daly, Wilburn remarked, “John, we were hitting the ball pretty good until you started playing with us.” To which Daly replied, “I was hitting the ball pretty good until I started playing with you, too.” Everyone guffawed.

Off The Fringe

Kip Wilson (white shirt) accepts the Superintendent’s Cup’s first-place trophy from Steve Briggs, director of BASF’s Specialty Products Department. Second-place finisher Matthew Fitzpatrick is to the far left, and GCSAA CEO Steve Mona is to the far right. Between Wilson and Briggs is Scott Van Pelt of ESPN.