A Super Day at Southbrook

GREENTRAC'S DAVE OBERLE gave an informative talk about the Internet and e-commerce at the May Meeting.

SHOOTING A PAIR OF 60S AT SOUTHBROOK were champions Dennis Salwei, left, and Clayton Hoyt, who edged the runner up team of Brian Peterson, second from right, and Leroy Wurm, right, in a scorecard playoff to win the Best Ball event.

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Pebble Beach Golf Links

PAR AND YARDAGE

Pebble Beach Golf Links is set up at 6,846 yards and par is 35-36-71.

COURSE SET-UP

Pebble Beach will feature two par 3s on each nine, with one par 5 on the front nine and two par 5s on the second nine. The second hole is being converted from a par 5 (as in each of the previous Opens at Pebble Beach) to a 484-yard par 4. The fairway widths in the drive zone will be between 28 (No. 11) and 32 yards (several holes). The primary rough will be grown to 5 inches (one inch higher than in 1999), and the intermediate rough will be 1½ inches. The greens will be set to run at 10'-6" on the Stimpmeter.

ARCHITECTS

Jack Neville and his friend Douglas Grant collaborated on the design and construction of Pebble Beach Golf Links without having had prior design or construction experience. Neville was chosen as the lead designer because he was a fine amateur golfer and a real estate salesman for Pacific Improvement Company, the company that owned the land. He was a five-time California Amateur champion, winning the title in 1912, 13, 19, 22 and 29. He also was named to the 1923 U.S. Walker Cup team. First called Del Monte Golf and Country, the famed golf course was opened in 1918. Neither Neville nor Grant went on to become highly successful golf course architects.

FIRST GOLF EVENT AT PEBBLE BEACH

In 1919, Mike Brady of Massachusetts shot 79-75—154 to win the first golf tournament held at Pebble Beach by 13 strokes. In 1920, the California Amateur was moved to this site, where it has been contested each year since.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT PEBBLE BEACH

Pebble Beach is no stranger to high-caliber competition. This will be the 10th national championship to be conducted at Pebble Beach Golf Links. The first USGA championship at Pebble Beach was the 1929 U.S. Amateur. The Amateur came back again in 1947, 1961 and 1999. The U.S. Open was conducted here in 1972, 1982 and 1992, and the U.S. Women’s Amateur was held at Pebble Beach in 1940 and 1948.

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The Vintage at Staples

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North Star Turf Awarded Ransomes Turf Line

As a result of Textron Turf Care & Specialty Product's continued efforts to consolidate markets and distribution, the company has awarded the entire Ransomes turf line in Minnesota and western Wisconsin to North Star Turf, Inc. This provides NST with the exclusive marketing rights of Ransomes, Cushman and Ryan commercial turf products in this geographic area. North Star already sells Ransomes products in North and South Dakota with support from its Sioux Falls, S.D. branch.

With North Star's past success selling Ransomes products in the Dakotas, it was anticipated that Textron would grant NST-St. Paul the line as well. Jacobsen products have been sold by both North Star locations for decades. Having the marketing rights to both lines throughout the company's geographic territory will provide efficiencies and better customer services as a result.

"The Ransomes products will complement our existing product offering very nicely," explains Dan Miller, president of NST. "We have made every effort to make the transition of product representation from Cushman Motor Company to NST proceed as smoothly as possible. We sincerely appreciate the cooperation and effort displayed by the Commers family and their staff for their help by keeping our customer's needs in mind during this major change in distribution."

Par Aide Stakes Claim To New Territory With New Rope and Rope Stakes

Par Aide, Co. has announced its plans to stake claim to new ground with the help of its two newest products: Par Aide Rope Stakes and Rope.

The Rope Stakes join the family of newly introduced recycled plastic Hazard/OB Markers, and like their counterparts are made of the same material so they never need painting -- just pound them into the ground wherever needed and that's that. They also are designed with an easy to use open slot for stringing the rope through, which allows for the stakes to be simply added or removed. The stakes are available in Hunter Green and White in 12", 18" and 24" lengths, with a 15/16" stainless steel spike.

Keeping in line with the theory that rope stakes are virtually useless without rope, Par Aide is also introducing its new 1/4" braided polypropylene rope. Each spool contains 1000 ft. of rope and is available in four different colors: Yellow, White, Hunter Green and Hunter Green/White.

John C. Quinlan Joins Becker Underwood

John C. Quinlan, formerly of Turf Partners, recently accepted a manufacturing sales representative position with Becker Underwood, Inc. His new responsibilities will be management of Becker Underwood distributor relationships and sales for the Midwest in turf, ornamental, repellents, agricultural, industrial, forestry, pest control and aquatic markets.

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SAFETY

The season has come upon us, and we all get somewhat overwhelmed with all that goes on in a single day. But as our summer troops come back from college or high school, they still need to be retrained about all the safety issues on each piece of equipment. Or there are those who have just started working on a golf course for the first time and just don't know how important safety is.

It is up to us, the golf course superintendents, assistant superintendents and mechanics to make sure everyone knows how to properly operate each piece of equipment in a safe manner. For each of us, being in the business for a long time, it's easy to breeze through a training session and somewhat overlook the obvious sometimes. Simply because we know all there is to know and put a lot of it off on common sense. And as we all know, not everyone is born with common sense, and it is NOT something you can teach someone. So be safe, fully train your people. But don't forget to show them how fun it can also be to work on a golf course.

TRUST??

Now, that's a word that used to mean something. For me, I have always given people the benefit of the doubt and trusted them. Sure, I've gotten burned once or twice or was that three times, but I always say, if you're going to burn me, you better make it good, because it's the only chance you're going to get. In talking with some of my peers, even this season, either employees, their pro's or general managers have done things, or gone behind their backs for one reason or another.

Once the trust has been broken, I feel anyway, you can never trust that person ever again, and it's too bad people have to be the way they are sometimes. Sooner or later, what comes around goes around. But it still hurts. The worst of it is if they have crossed that line once, what is to say they won't do it again.

This also goes along with another word that used to mean something, that I also feel goes hand in hand: RESPECT. How can you have respect for someone you can't trust, or vise versa. It's like a superintendent and their assistant, assistants, or their mechanics, there must be respect and trust for everything to work. It makes for a long season if you have to watch your back. And the worst of it is, the season can seem long enough at times even without the conflicts of trust.

FISHIN' REPORT...

By the time you're reading this, fishing opener has become just a memory. And for those of you who worked the Saturday of fishing opener, way to go!! Because it sucked!! A little breezy and down right chilly. There were even a few snow flurries throughout the state. But Sunday however seemed to be quite good for many people. The crew who came to the Wudtik Inn & Yacht Club did rather well. There were quite a few limits filled. The weather was still a little on the breezy side but at least the sun came out, so it didn't seem to be all bad. Besides, when you have a fish on the line, who realizes it's chilly...

With that, I'll close, keep smiling and we'll see ya next month.

- Steve Shumansky
Editor

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