







## SCANDINAVIA/FLORIDA COMPARISON 1987

Country	Population <sup>1</sup>	Area <sup>1</sup>	Golfers <sup>2</sup>	Courses <sup>2</sup>
 Denmark	5,124,000	16,629	29,000	60
 Finland	4,788,000	130,120	8,900	18
 Norway	4,092,000	125,053	6,500	9
 Sweden	8,320,000	173,775	123,000	156
 Scandinavia	22,324,000	445,467	167,400	243
 Florida	12,023,000 <sup>3</sup>	58,560	1,172,000 <sup>4</sup>	808 <sup>4</sup>

SOURCES:  
1. Hammond Citation World Atlas; 2. Golf Digest Almanac; 3. Florida Handbook (1989-90); 4. National Golf Foundation

industry by Jarkko this past summer. He showed the new USGA greens construction tape to a group of Finnish greenkeepers.

"Jarkko's American training at LCCC makes him a highly respected individual in Finland."

Although many native bentgrasses grow wild throughout Scandinavia, the common grasses for Finnish tees and fairways has been bluegrass and fescue. Greens generally are fescue.

The LCCC students introduced the Finns to Pennecross, Penneagle and Penway bentgrasses this past summer.

"There is no formal turf management education available in Finland," Piersol says. "That's why they came to LCCC for help."

Coming the other direction were 90 superintendents who were the guests of ORAG Inter AG, the European distributor of Jacobsen equipment.

They spent two weeks in the U.S. for a "learning experience with a little fun mixed in," according to Neils-Erik Brems, ORAG's representative in Denmark.

In addition to their plant tours and visits to Doral CC in Miami and Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando, the supers toured the University of Minnesota's Department of Horticulture.

"The purpose of this trip is to educate the superintendents on



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Jarkko Lahdensuo examines a soil core sample while explaining the concept of USGA green specifications.

what's being done here in the United States," Brems said. "They can then go back and educate their boards of directors and greens committees on what can be done to improve their courses."

LCCC student Bruce Chestnut demonstrates the use of a turf aerator at an equipment field day.



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David Wedge, right, receives award from William Krome

## Horticultural Society honors tree author

David Wedge, a horticultural consultant whose articles on trees appear frequently in *The Florida Green*, was honored at the Florida State Horticultural Society's annual meeting in Tampa last fall for his paper describing a West Palm Beach program to re-introduce flowering trees.

He received a silver medal and \$200 honorarium for the best paper in the Garden and Landscape section of Vol. 100, *FSHS Proceedings*.

## Ross course in Orlando undergoes renovation

The Country Club of Orlando will celebrate its 80th birthday this summer by getting a facelift.

The venerable Donald Ross layout, which was begun in 1910 and opened in 1912, will be completely renovated under the direction of architect Brian Silva, the noted Ross scholar. Silva's business partner is Geoff Cornish, author of the seminal history of golf course history in the United States.

Although Ross himself never visited the Orlando site, Silva said he is "very comfortable" that Ross did the layout and that the course was one of several hundred built by one of his principal construction superintendents, according to CCO Superintendent Cary Lewis.

The greens will be rebuilt to modern