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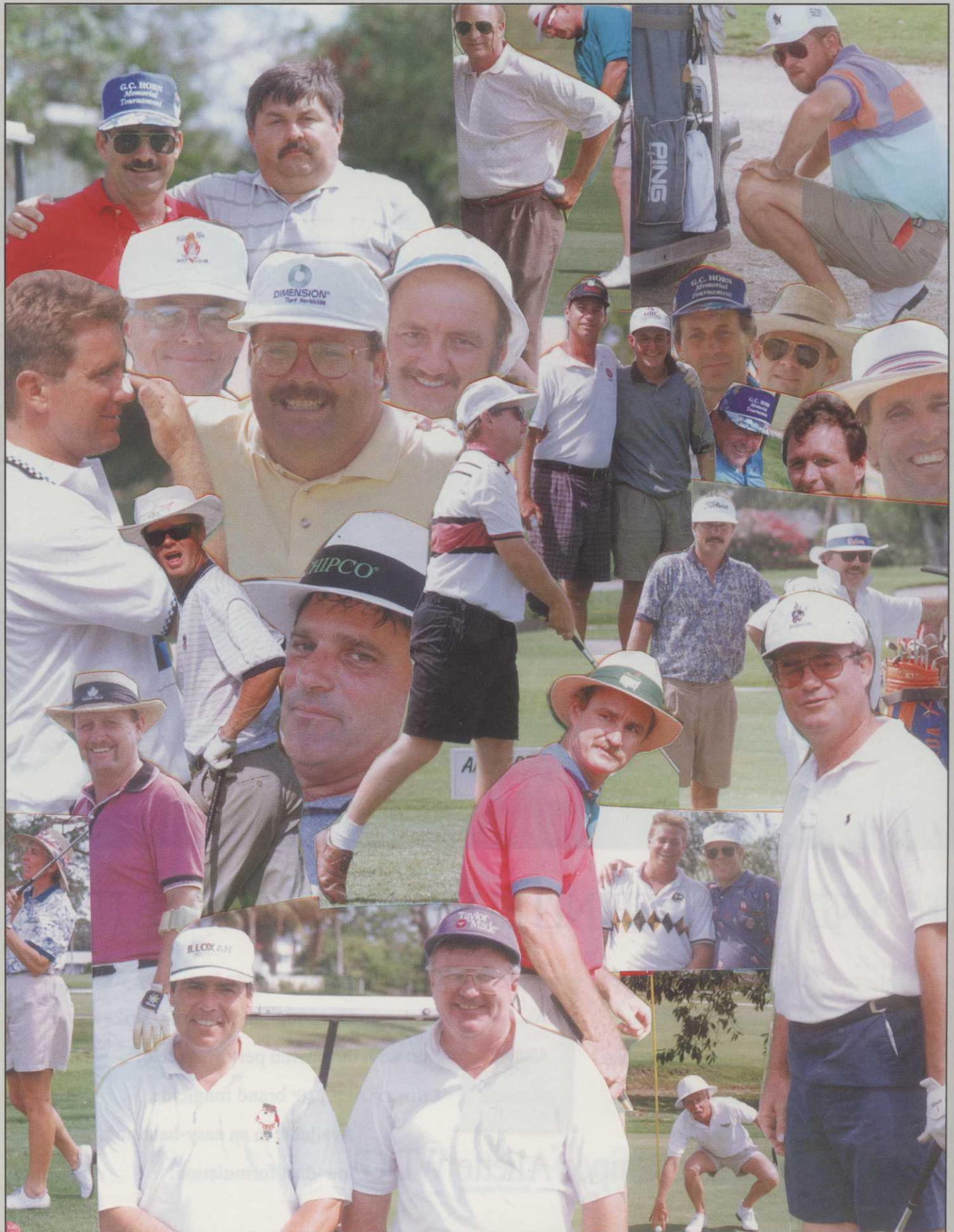


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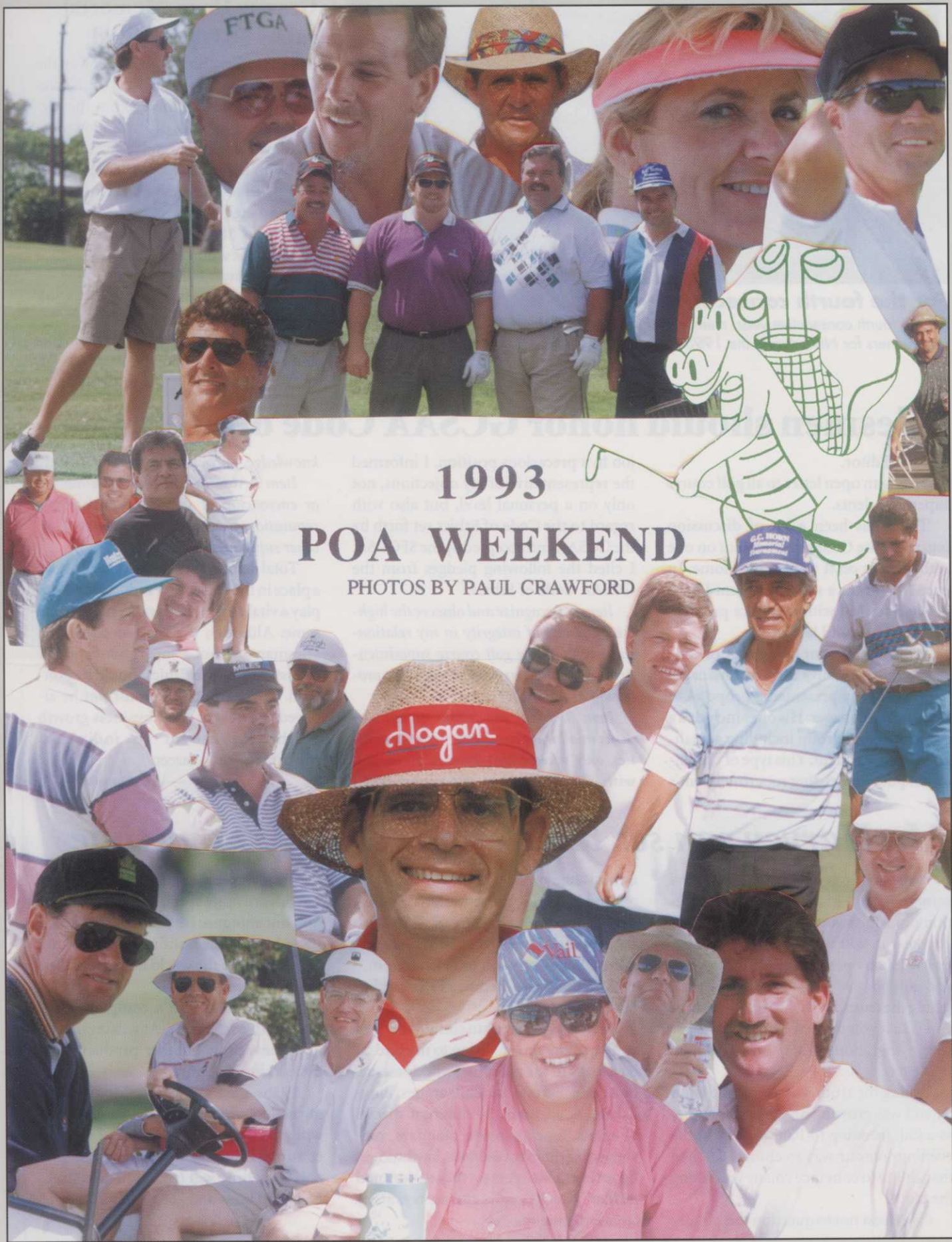
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# POA WEEKEND

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### For the fourth consecutive year...

For the fourth consecutive year, members of the Palm Beach GCSA worked as spotters and runners for NBC during the 1993 PGA Seniors Championship at PGA National GC.

## Granny Horn Memorial raises \$6,000 for fund

Jim Bridwell and Craig Boller won the Granny Horn Tournament at the Naples Beach Club during the Poa but the biggest winner was the Horn Endowment Fund, which netted more than \$6,000:

1. Jim Bridwell, Craig Boller; 2. Brad Beano, Ron Richards; 3. Rick Tatum, Steve Spaugh

All had 58 with a scorecard playoff deciding the winners. A total of \$2,500 in prizes was awarded.

The putting contest was won by Mark Hopkins who claimed he had 14.

Many thanks to all of the participants and especially the hole sponsors.

## Salesmen should honor GCSAA Code of Ethics

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter to all golf course superintendents.

There has been a lot of discussion regarding the Code of Ethics, but on one really dwells on it until it hits home. In over 18 years as a superintendent I have not had to deal with an ethics problem personally... until last week.

Without my prior knowledge or consent, a representative for a turf management company presented a proposal to my general manager. His offer included a complete labor group including a qualified superintendent. This type of presentation puts the existing superintendent's

job in a precarious position. I informed the representative of my objections, not only on a personal level, but also with regard to the Code of Ethics set forth by the GCSAA and accepted by the SFGCSA. I cited the following pledges from the GCSAA Code of Ethics:

*Item 7. Recognize and observe the highest standards of integrity in my relationships with fellow golf course superintendents and others associated with this profession and industry.*

*Item 8. Assist my fellow superintendents in all ways consistent with my abilities, only when called upon to do so, and with the incumbent superintendent's*

*knowledge, participation and acceptance.*

*Item 9. Abstain from the debasement of, or encroachment upon, the professional reputation, practice or employment of another superintendent.*

Total management companies do have a place in the golf course industry and can play a vital role in the advancement of the same. Although the representative is a salesman and not a superintendent, the industry's Code of Ethics should be honored. These companies must not be allowed to enhance their business growth at the expense of an individual superintendent's career.

— Anonymous

## Mr. Harvey can see birds on my course at any time

↳ then one day that person says something you know is wrong... something in which you are the expert. After you hear it, you feel betrayed... you believed in this person for all these years and now you *know* that this person is not telling the truth. And what really disturbs you is that you begin to wonder if he has been lying about other topics through the years.

Telling the truth was never an option when I was growing up. I can remember as a kid, listening to Paul Harvey in the evenings on our way to church. He had that ability to convince you he was telling the truth.

Or at least not to question the validity

of his statements.

And he told some sensational stories. Now I wonder how many of these were made up. I no longer listen to Mr. Harvey, nor do I allow my son to listen to him.

And this is sad because I used to believe in the man.

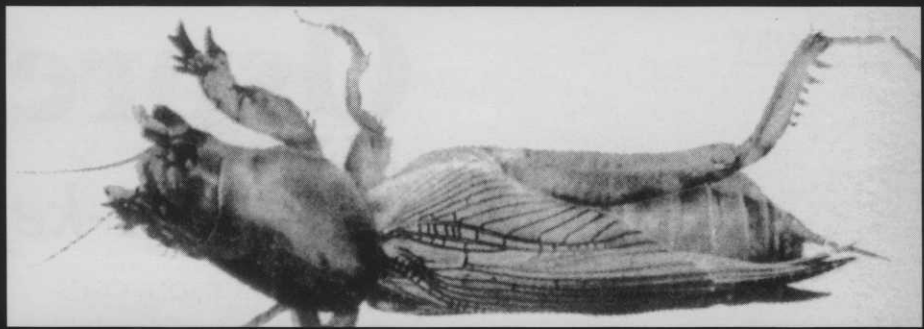
I invite Mr. Harvey to come to my golf course at any time to listen to my birds. I have owls in the morning, woodpeckers, great blue herons, sandhill cranes, kingfishers, dove, quail, 10 different species of egrets, mockingbirds, blue jays, red-winged blackbirds, cardinals, hawks, kites, Egyptian Nile geese, those damned muskovy ducks, eagles and ospreys at my course during the day.

I can remember many years ago he was advertising a special type of bird shot for your shotgun. He probably has killed more birds while hunting than all of the golf courses in the world have ever killed by any means.

I am sending him a complimentary issue of this magazine. At whatever rate, I will never buy another product from True Value hardware.

By the way, my personal impression of the lobbyist we hired in cooperation with the FTGA is favorable. I believe continued support in this area is essential. Only time will tell. Until next time, may God bless and keep you safe.

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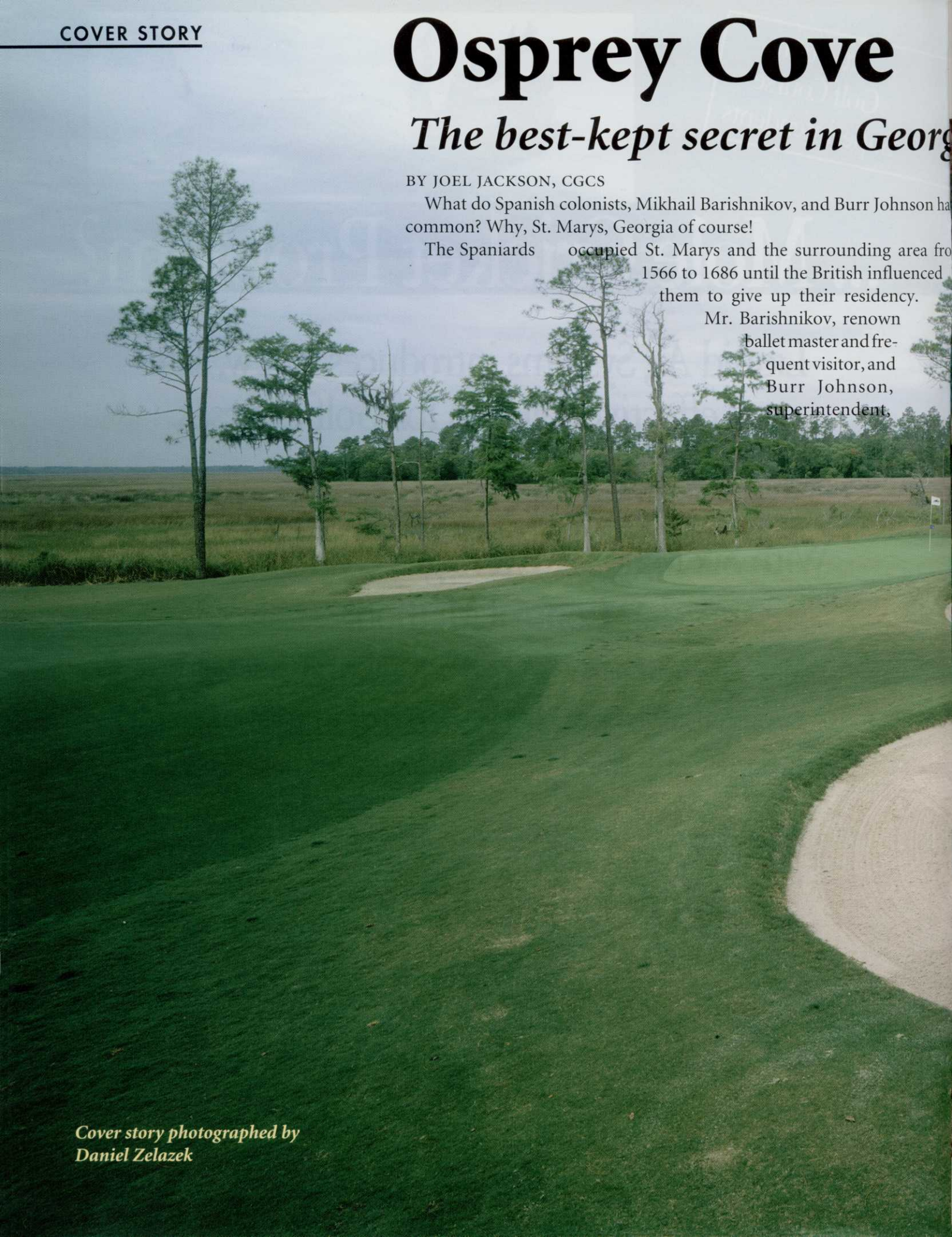
BY JOEL JACKSON, CGCS

What do Spanish colonists, Mikhail Barishnikov, and Burr Johnson have in common? Why, St. Marys, Georgia of course!

The Spaniards occupied St. Marys and the surrounding area from 1566 to 1686 until the British influenced them to give up their residency.

Mr. Barishnikov, renowned ballet master and frequent visitor, and Burr Johnson, superintendent,

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club community on Georgia's Colonial Coast is becoming a reality with the help of Morris "Burr" Johnson, CGCS, who is in charge of all of the development's landscaping as well as the golf course. By the way, "Burr" is a nickname that stuck when, as a child, his sister couldn't say, "brother!"

Osprey Cove is beautifully manicured and maintained all the way from the main gate to the maintenance facility. It looks like a model for the way all golf facilities should look. Neat and clean. Everything in its place from the superintendent's office to the enclosed soil bins. A truly professional atmosphere that reflects the countenance of this confident and mild-mannered superintendent.

Like many of his peers, Johnson did not come directly to this profession from high school. A North Carolinian from Hendersonville, he was at the end of his of his sophomore year at UNC-Asheville with no firm major in sight. After consulting with his father he took a summer job as a merchant seaman with the Exxon Company to earn money for school and to find his calling. Well, the summer stretched into five years and he eliminated the merchant marine as a lifelong career.

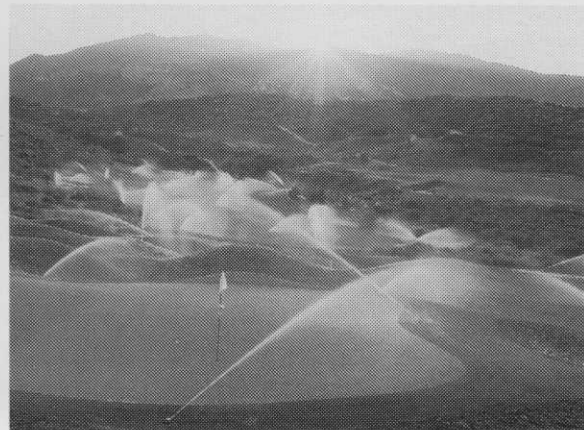
Burr's family's roots were in agriculture and dairy farming, and one uncle in Fort Myers suggested the golf course operations program at Lake City Community College. Johnson liked the outdoors and, although not an avid golfer, he did dabble with the game in school. And so, in the company of such classmates as Buck Buckner and Dwight Kummer, Burr Johnson matriculated in 1983 and began his turf management career.

When reflecting on people who have had a major influence in his life, Johnson said, "There are two people primarily that I have to credit. First and foremost is my father, Herb Johnson. He taught me to treat others as I would want to be treated, and he also taught me the meaning and value of hard work.

"In the golf business, it would have to be Mark Hampton, CGCS when he was at the Wyndemere C.C. in Naples. I worked for Mark on my 1982 summer







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OJT while at Lake City. In that summer, I learned how a professional superintendent conducts himself and how a quality maintenance operation should be run. Much of what I learned during that time I practice today.”

In his first 10 years in the turf management business, Johnson has been involved in a variety of golf course operations.

“I have been at a resort course at the Ravines, a private, member-owned club at Palmetto Pines, and two individually owned private-semiprivate courses, Cotton Creek and Osprey Cove. The individually-owned operations are the best environments because the chain of command is very short from the superintendent to the owner.

“Mr. Gilman and the entire management team are very open to suggestions and we all have the common goal of excellence.

“We have a very diverse group of

people on the staff at Osprey Cove with none having any prior experience working on golf courses except my assistant, Mike Nettles. They have all learned from the ground floor what it takes to build, grow in and maintain a nice golf course. I get many compliments on the condition of the course from both members and our guests, which only proves what I’ve known for a long time — that we have quality people doing a quality job.”

Nettles, also a Lake City graduate, heads up the landscape division.

“Mike oversees a 10-person crew, which maintains the entrance, all the common areas and roadways, the clubhouse, tennis facility, and pool area landscaping.

“Mike also designs and installs landscaping for newly built homes. As a service to our residents, our staff will also maintain lawns at cost. This is a special

