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Ohio Turfgrass Show lines up workshops

Speakers from several states will discuss a variety of topics at the Ohio Turfgrass Conference and Show Dec. 10-13 at the Cincinnati Convention/Exposition Center.

Six turfgrass, ornamental and business management workshops will be held Monday afternoon and evening.

Tuesday morning will begin with two workshops on identification of ornamental plant problems and pesticide containment-recycling. Dr. James Beard opens the afternoon's general session with "Challenges and Trends of the 1990s."

Split sessions for golf courses, professional lawn services, grounds maintenance and athletic fields take place all day Wednesday and Thursday morning. Dr. Houston Couch will give a special workshop on "Turfgrass Diseases and Their Control" on Wednesday evening.

Several workshops will be available Wednesday for mechanics. A pesticide training session on use considerations and problems will be given along with the Ohio Pesticide Applicator Exam on Thursday afternoon.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has accredited the workshops and session topics. Over 500 chemical, equipment, fertilizer, sod, golf car, seed and other turf-related suppliers will have exhibits.

Attendance is open to anyone interested in turfgrass management. The fee is \$50 for OTF members and \$70 for non-members. That includes attendance at all educational sessions and workshops plus admittance to the exhibit hall. All registration will be in the center's main lobby.

The OTF annual meeting will be 7-8 a.m. and the OTF Luncheon at noon Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Clarion Hotel.

Richard given Mass. contract

Richard and Associates of Sagamore Beach, Mass., has been awarded a contract to provide consulting and golf course design services for a new 18-hole daily fee golf course planned in Plymouth, Mass.

Head of the Bay Country Club, on 200 rolling acres near the Cape Cod Canal, will measure over 7,000 yards from the middle tees and 5,234 yards from the forward tees.

Designer Ray Richard said the site "combines excellent natural drainage with some very interesting elevation variations to provide an excellent site for a championship golf course that will be enjoyable to golfers of any skill level."

Richard is also designing the new Cranbrook Golf Course in Hanson, Mass., and is assisting in several remodeling projects in the Northeast.

So. Illinois University course plans run into economic delay

The economic slowdown has delayed plans to build a controversial golf course at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The university received just one proposal this fall to develop and manage an 18-hole, championship course on campus after sending out requests for proposals in July.

The lone bid failed to meet certain university specifications, including a guarantee on the financial return the university wanted.

"This is not the right economic climate to do this type of project," SIUE Provost David Werner recently told the *Edwardsville Intelligencer*. "I don't know when it will improve. I don't think it will be in the short term, however."

Werner said the university will send out new requests for proposals to develop the 300-acre site on the north edge of campus once the economy improves.

Some local residents have opposed the project since early

1989 when another wooded site favored by hikers and joggers was first proposed. That location was rejected and a feasibility study on alternatives conducted that eventually led to the former Mississippi River Festival site.

Some residents still opposed the plan, claiming the project was inappropriate for a public university and could harm the environment.

The course, if built, will be a daily fee facility. The university would lease the site in return for payments and use of the course.

Crittenden adds expo

Crittenden Research Institute of Novato, Calif., is expanding its Golf Development Conference to include an exposition.

In response to growing demands for golf development products and services, Crittenden will offer exhibit booths at its Golf Development Expo, according to John Ecklein, vice president and producer of the Expo.

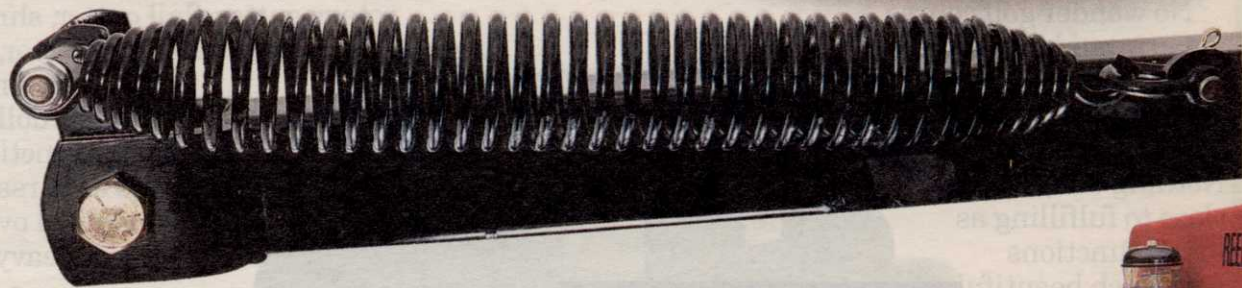
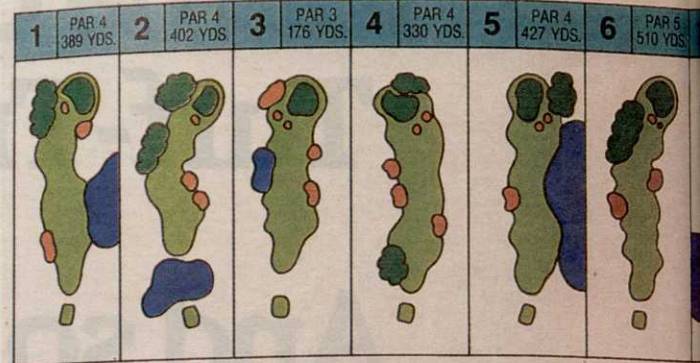
"We have experienced an increasing amount of requests from golf service providers to display their services and products before our golf course developers," Ecklein said.

Ecklein plans to have more than 40 speakers and up to 20 workshops at the three-day event.

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