

## Confusion over survey

The wording of a question caused confusion in our October survey of computer controllers for irrigation systems. The result was that cost projections by the manufacturers did not compare "apples to apples."

We regret the wording of the question. It read: "What would be the cost to install the system at a new golf course that has five weather stations, is 6,500 yards long and is on 125 acres."

Too many factors crucial to such an estimate were not included. Thus

the great variance in the answers given.

As was said by Philip S. Walter, The Toro Co. — Irrigation Division sales and marketing manager for golf irrigation: "No two installations are the same. So no two quotes are the same. Everything today is customized to your needs, what you want and how you want to run it ... and what alternatives are available."

We suggest that superintendents considering a purchase contact the manufacturers directly for quotes.

## Helbling dies at 58

OHIO TOWNSHIP, Pa. — William F. Helbling, operator of Green Valley Golf Course here, died at the age of 58 on Oct. 12.

Helbling had managed the course for 40 years.

He was a past president of the Western Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association, past chairman of the Ohio Township Planning Commission, a Eucharistic minister at St. Teresa Church in Ross, and active in civic activities.

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## Shaw takes over GCSAA administration

Joyce Shaw is the new director of administration for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Lawrence, Kan.

Shaw formerly was assistant manager of human resources for Sallie Mae, a student loan servicing center in Lawrence. Shaw also was adminis-

trative officer at the Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant in DeSoto, Kan., from 1984 to 1988 and from 1978 to

1984 was project assistant for the Army Corps of Engineers at Clinton Lake, near Lawrence.

## More architects

Four golf course architects and one builder were omitted from November's listings.

The builder is Aldridge Niebur Golf of 1081 Indianwood Road, P.O. Box 5, Lake Orion, Mich. 48035.

One of the architects is Ron Prichard of 10600 Six Pines Drive, Suite 421, The Woodlands, Texas 77380.

Another Halsey Daray Golf of 9001 Grossmont Blvd., La Mesa, Calif. 92041-4084.

The third is Ted McAnlis of P.O. Box 14724, North Palm Beach, Fla. 33408.

The fourth is Gene P. Hamm, 8417 Patrick St., Raleigh, N.C.; 919-847-4696.

## Comment

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if he could afford to play in 1991.

A panel at the summit told how women golfers are treated like second-class citizens at some golf courses. Not encouraged to return, they don't; and they don't, in record numbers.

- Hold a summit at which people actually resolve the issues and plan actions to tackle them.

- Continue to prayer breakfast, in some fashion or other, at the GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show. Contact John Ebel, of Barrington Hills (Ill.) Country Club, who is bowing out after a decade of arranging very successful breakfasts. Last year's drew 200 to 300 people.

Too many of us too often want to look at ourselves through rose-colored glasses, yet scrutinize our neighbors with a magnifying glass. Being judgmental too often comes right back at you. The expression "what goes around comes around" is truth.

We at *Golf Course News* will continue to strive to keep the industry abreast of happenings around the country in an unbiased manner. We will try to see all — even ourselves — through a magnifying glass.

In this issue we instituted a redesign to better organize the news. Please let us know how you feel about it.

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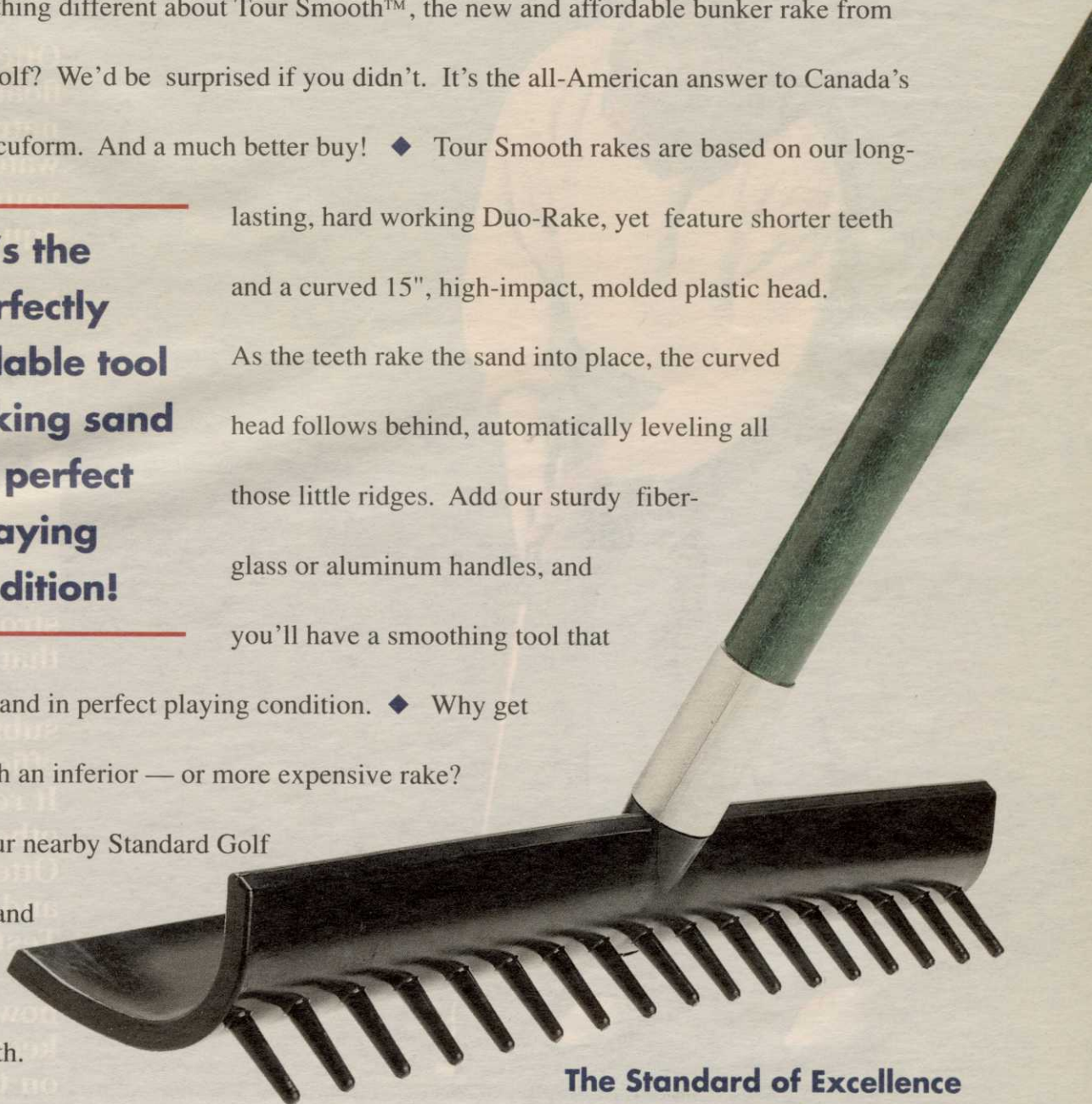
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