

Southeast

GTA BEAUTIFIES OLYMPIC SITE

ATLANTA — Members of the Georgia Turfgrass Association have agreed to design and beautify a public site for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Following site selection, an intensive beautification plan will be undertaken, including landscape design, site preparation, foundation plant installation, color installation and maintenance. The proposal allows four growing seasons for plant establishment.

Approved by Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson and the city's Office of Olympic Coordination, the project will be coordinated and carried out by GTA members. Following the Olympics, the site will be turned over to the city for maintenance.

ARNOLD TO JOHN: 'TAKE CHARGE'

AUGUSTA, Ga. — "The eyes of the golf world will be on John Daly from the time he first sets foot this month on that most sacred of turf — the Masters course. How he handles such enormous pressure will be an awesome responsibility."

The author of that statement knows first-hand that feeling. Four-time Masters champion and guest speaker Arnold Palmer tried to convey that experience to those attending the third annual Georgia Golf Hall of Fame dinner.

"Romping through the 1991 U.S. Open as the last-minute tournament entrant was, by comparison, a picnic," Palmer said. "Daly was free, loose — and remarkable. Now the real test comes."

Palmer concedes it's quite a burden to shoulder. Here's perhaps the longest hitter the game ever has known, at age 26 thrust into the spotlight and now expected to seize the moment, mature overnight and lead the next generation of golfers into areas not explored by such titans as Robert Tyre Jones, Walter Hagen, Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus and Palmer.

"In preserving the pattern of the past," Palmer declared, "Daly also must be acutely aware of the standards of excellence, tradition and etiquette followed scrupulously by such gentlemen of the game as Clifford Roberts."

Roberts, who died in 1977, was one of nine inducted here Jan. 4. Roberts chaired the Augusta National Golf Club from 1931 to 1976, and the Masters tournament from 1934 to 1976.

Palmer pointed out that golf, the "favorite people game in the world and getting bigger," has at the root of its success rigid adherence to standards, the same set forth by Bobby Jones as he set records, the same applied to the game's moderns, skilled or novice.

"Golf will expand to every corner of the earth in unbelievable numbers," Palmer said. "There are 25 million of us now. This may sky-

rocket to 40 million by the year 2000. No one ever is going to totally conquer the game, but each of us can achieve total enjoyment."

And Daly, the Babe Ruth who for one four-day stretch last summer set the golf world on its ear?

Said Palmer: "I hope Daly knows how much responsibility has been thrust upon him, and that he can lead us into a new era. He can do so much good for the game."

As for Palmer, looking forward to his 37th Masters in the "greatest" of tournaments, there will be the most marvelous of memories. His gracious touch with the public, the familiar hitch of the pants, the clutch

putt, the many rounds with President Eisenhower. Palmer seemed to be saying, "Go get 'em, John. Take charge of my Army!"

VIRGINIA TURF HONORS

Richard J. Fisher, superintendent of Farmington Country Club, was presented the R.D. Calk Memorial Award for significant contributions to the orderly and progressive development of the Virginia turfgrass industry at the 32nd Virginia Turfgrass and Landscape Conference and Trade Show.

Fisher, a certified golf course superintendent, served as president of the VTC in 1988 and 1989 and

president of the newly formed Virginia Turfgrass Foundation in 1990.

Others were also honored. The Virginia Turfgrass Council Award was given to Richard Shaver, who has devoted years of service to the Virginia Tech turfgrass weed control program, serving as primary research technician for Dr. Wayne Bingham.

Robert Q. Cannell, head of the Virginia Tech Department of Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences, was awarded the VTC President's Award for his support of the turfgrass industry.

Several scholarships were presented, including the \$1,000 Noram

Scholarship to Tom Wilson. The Thomas B. Hutcheson Jr. Scholarship for \$500 was awarded to Mike Johnson and Michelle Frazier. The VTC presented \$500 scholarships to Scott Jordan, Pat Spillane, Dan Wheeler and John Anderson, students in the two-year agriculture technology school at Virginia Tech. The \$1,000 Larry S. Jones Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kayle Bigelow.

Approximately 1,400 participants attended the event sponsored by the VTC, Virginia Cooperative Extension Service and Virginia Tech.

The show attracted 115 commercial exhibitors in 234 booths.

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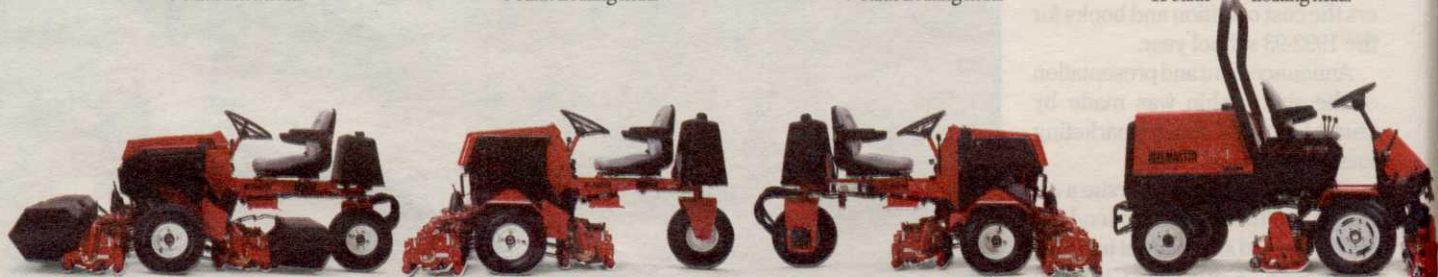


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Northeast

KILE TAKES OVER IN MAINE

Dave Kile of Causeway Golf Club in Southwest Harbor has been elected president of the Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Kile, who succeeds Roger Lowell of Webhannet Golf Course, is joined by new Vice President Dick Fahey of Poland Spring Country



Club, Treasurer Steve Hoisington of Martindale Country Club in Augurn and Secretary George Howe of PSI Inc.

Directors are Jim Hodge of Val Halla Golf Course in Falmouth, Pat Lewis of Portland Country Club and Warren Michaelsen of Irrigation System of Maine, who fills the one-year term left vacant by Hoisington.

Chris Heath and Lowell left the board of directors.

N.E. SUPERS ELECT '92 OFFICERS

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England has elected its officers and directors

for 1992.

Stephen Chiavaroli of Tatnuck Country Club will serve as president, with Edward Brearly of Bay Pointe Country Club as vice president. Elected secretary was Brae Burn's Robert DeRico, while The Orchards' Paul Jamrog will serve as treasurer.

A GCSANE member since 1978, Chiavaroli looks forward to improving the organization's public relations stance and its role in regional conferences.

"The GCSANE is becoming more and more involved in the planning of the Massachusetts Turf and Lawngrass Council's an-

nual Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference," said Chiavaroli, "and our association may soon be totally responsible for this event."

NHGCSA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

MANCHESTER, N.H.—The New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association awarded \$3,250 to deserving turfgrass students at the opening of the 1992 New Hampshire Turf Conference in January.

The five honorees, all students at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, were Craig Dagan, Ronald Dobosz, Richard Lawlor, David Stowe and Dennis Talon.

Also at the conference, Dave Huff

received the 1992 Distinguished Service Award. Huff is a Scotts technical representative who for many years has provided service to superintendents throughout New Hampshire, Maine and eastern Canada.

North Central



HAGCSA AWARDS HONORS

The Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association has honored two of its members — Lawrence (Kan.) Country Club superintendent Duane Patton and Champion Turf salesman Jim Heinze.

Heinze received the President's Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service on the Scholarship and Research Committee. As chairman, Heinze coordinated efforts that raised a record \$35,000, which was distributed to Kansas State University and Missouri University in the form of turf student scholarships and research studies.

Patton received the Chet Mendenhall Award, the chapter's highest honor. Patton has served on numerous committees and has been secretary/treasurer the past six years. He is systems operator of TURFBYTE, an electronic bulletin board for superintendents.

IOWA SUPERINTENDENTS TO MEET

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa — The Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association will hold a state meeting May 11 at Beaver Hills Country Club in Cedar Falls.

The ICGSA has planned a full menu of events in 1992. Those upcoming include the John Deere Pro-Superintendent Tournament at Amana Colonies Golf Course in Amana on May 18; the June 9 State Meeting at Red Oak Country Club in Red Oak; and the Iowa State University Turfgrass Field Day June 18 at the ISU Research Station in Ames.

West

GORHAM JOINS SPYGLASS TEAM

Jeff Gorham has been named assistant superintendent at Spyglass Hill Golf Course, according to Paul Spengler, vice president of golf for Pebble Beach Resorts.

Gorham comes to Pebble Beach from Incline Village Golf Resort in Nevada, where he was the assistant superintendent.

Gorham received his education at Cal Poly, where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in ornamental horticulture.



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