

South Central



COLDIRON GAINS HIGHEST HONOR

The Kentucky Turfgrass Council has presented its highest honor to superintendent Jerry Coldiron, Jr. of Boone Links Golf Course in Florence.

In accepting the Winfrey P. Bunton II Man of the Year Award, Coldiron cited his entire staff and his course owners' commitment to turfgrass excellence. The award is presented annually to recognize individuals for outstanding contributions to the turfgrass industry.

A graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in agronomy, Coldiron has been superintendent at Boone Links since 1979 and has been involved in various athletic field projects around northern Kentucky.

West

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GA HONORS SPAETH

United States Golf Association President C. Grant Spaeth was awarded the Northern California Golf Association's Grand Master award during its annual meeting at Castlewood Country Club.

The honor, presented by NCGA outgoing President Frank Brunk, goes annually to an individual who has given unselfishly of personal time and effort to the game of golf.

A member of the Palo Alto and San Francisco golf courses as well as the Royal &



Ancient of St. Andrews and the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers of Scotland, Spaeth has served with the USGA for 14 years, the last two as president.

MENDENHALL MOVES TO SPANISH HILLS

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Scott Mendenhall will be the course superintendent at Spanish Hills Golf and Country Club, a \$170-million country club community scheduled to open in mid-1992.

The 6,750-yard championship course, designed by Robert Cupp, features wide fairways of drought-tolerant Bermudagrass.

Mitch Voges, 1991 U.S. Amateur champion and Walker Cup team member, will be director of golf.

Mendenhall has been superintendent the past two years at PGA West's Stadium course in LaQuinta. He oversaw 400 acres of turf, 40 bentgrass greens and numerous bunkers.

He was superintendent at the Jack Nicklaus Resort Course in LaQuinta in 1988.

Northeast

MRUK HONORED AT MASS. SHOW

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — The 61st Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference and 16th Industrial Show, March 3-5 at the Civic Center here, will be dedicated to Charles Mruk.

Mruk, a turfgrass management consultant based in Cranston, R.I., will be honored for outstanding devotion and service to the turf profession.

Mruk was an early advocate of a grassroots proving ground for superintendents evolving into current sophisticated maintenance practices.

Dr. Joseph Troll, Massachusetts Turf and Lawngrass Association executive director, will give the welcoming address at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 3.



Scholarship awards will be made.

Stephen Cadenelli, president of the Golf Course Superintendents of America, heads the first afternoon's speakers. He will discuss current and future issues in golf course management.

Speakers Wednesday include James Snow, national director of the United States Golf Association Green Section; Dr. James Beard of Texas A&M University; Dr. Houston Couch of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute; and Roger G. Rulewich, senior architect with Robert Trent Jones Sr. in Montclair, N.J.

Anthony B. Caranci, superintendent at Ledgefield Country Club in Seekonk, opens the Thursday morning session. Dr. Bridget Ruemmele of the University of Rhode Island, Couch and Beard also will speak.

TOURNEY RAISES \$14,000

The recent third annual turf research tournament at The Country Club, Brookline, raised more than \$14,000 for the GCSA of New England Turf Research Fund.

This fund sponsors turf research projects at area universities. About \$25,000 has been distributed.

RUTGERS OFFERS JAN. 7-9 COURSE

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — An introduction to golf course turfgrass management is a new course being offered Jan. 7-9 by the Office of Continuing Professional Education, Cook College, Rutgers University.

Taught by golf course superintendents, the course will survey current turfgrass management practices.

Pesticide safety for landscape contractors was the subject Dec. 13 and 18. Other subjects and dates are:

- professional turfgrass and landscape management with selected topics in commercial, residential and utility turfgrass, Jan. 2-20;
- Rutgers professional golf turf management school, Jan. 6-March 13;
- basics of turfgrass management, Feb. 4;
- improving turfgrass survival: site analysis and modification, Feb. 19-20; and

- advanced turfgrass management symposium, Feb. 26-27.

MECHANICS DRAFT CODE OF ETHICS

The New Jersey Golf Course Mechanics Association has outlined an 11-point code of ethics to promote and maintain professional standards of service and conduct.

Other objectives of the association include providing educational information and programs pertinent to golf course equipment, planning training programs in association with vocational-technical institutions, exchanging information associated with golf course technicians and their responsibilities, establishing a library, and publishing a newsletter with a listing of equipment and spare parts for sale, rent, loan or barter.

RACKLIFF CONNECTICUT'S NEW PRESIDENT

WALLINGFORD, Conn. - Steve Rackliffe of Willimantic Country Club in Lebanon is the new president of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

John F. Streeter of Woodbridge Country Club was elected vice president; John Motycka of Skungamaug River Golf Course in Coventry, treasurer; and Phil Neaton of Black Hall Golf Course in Old Lyme, secretary.

Directors are Robert A. Chalifour of Shennecossett Golf Course in Groton; Peter Lewis of the Country Club of Farmington.

Also, John M. Napieracz of Stanley Golf Course in New Britain; Peter R. Pierson of Peguabuck Golf Course in Cornwell; Brian Skelly of Old Lyme Golf Course; Dave C. Stimson of Tumble Brook Country Club in Bloomfield; and Peter Hull of Turf Products Corp.

PEST MANAGEMENT COURSE ARRANGED

A four-part short course on Landscape Integrated Pest Management has been organized by the University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension Service.

The course begins Jan. 24, 28 and 29 with a course on managing turfgrass diseases and insects and on use of organics, blends, synthetics and new formulations. Drs. Gail Schumann, Patricia Vittum and Richard Cooper will teach the sessions.

Woody ornamentals will be addressed Feb. 11-13. It will focus on such topics as diagnosing disease and insect problems on plants, and devising biocontrol strategies.

A one-day course Feb. 25 will target landscape plant materials—from maintenance to irrigation techniques.

An overview of regulations related to the turf and landscape professionals will be held Feb. 26. It will give information on recordkeeping, drinking water and mixing, m loading and storage regulations.

MEUSEL HONORED ON RETIREMENT

Harry W. Meusel, retiring after 40 years as golf course superintendent at Yale Golf Club in Orange, Conn., recently was honored at a dinner there.

Among those paying tribute were representatives of state golf, course superintendents and PGA associations, prominent Yale alumni; family friends and associates.

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