

TOM WALKER Inverness Golf Club Toledo, Ohio PGA Championship Aug. 12-15, CBS/TBS

From the time he was 15, Tom Walker knew he wanted to be superintendent at Inverness. It was in that summer of 1966 that he began working on the Inverness grounds crew, where he met Michigan State University student and future course builder Duane Dammeyer. Walker, 42, received a four-year agronomy degree from Ohio State in 1973. He spent two years as Inverness' superintendent before taking head jobs at Kettenting Golf Club in Defiance and later Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania. He returned to Inverness as head superintendent in 1980 and has been there since.

Things to look for: No architectural changes have been made to the Donald Ross design since the 1986 PGA Championship was held here (The course also hosted the 1920, 1931, 1957 and 1979 U.S. Opens as well as the 1973 U.S. Amateur). The former poa annua greens were fumigated and reseeded with PennLinks in 1988.

"The poa annua just wasn't reliable any more. [Retired Penn State turfgrass Professor] Joe Duich assisted us." Inverness was also the first U.S. course to install the Toro OSMAC irrigation system introduced two years ago. The network can activate the irrigation system by telephone or radio and "has been a great help."

**Made-for-TV preparations:** "We really do nothing in preparation for TV. We just try to keep the course as consistent for the tournament as we do for the members." The only added measure is making sure extra generators, chain saws, water pumps and the like are available "to cover any reasonable contingency."

## **Tour of Duty**

BRIAN MAYBE Firestone Country Club Akron, Ohio NEC World Series of Golf Aug. 26-29, CBS/USA

Brian Maybe, 37, has been head superintendent at Firestone since 1985. He finished his degree at Penn State's two-year turf management program while an assistant superintendent at Silver Lake (Ohio) Country Club. His first head superintendent post was at Oak Tree Country Club in in Sharon, Pa., before returning to Silver Lake as the head of maintenance from 1982-85. Maybe is in charge of all 54 holes at Firestone.

Things to look for: The South Course has hosted the World Series of Golf since 1962. At 7,200 yards it is one of the longest courses on the Tour, although it is just a par-70. Fairways run parallel to one another and are fairly tight. The course suffered no damage from the massive rains that struck the Midwest in June and July, Maybe noted.

The greens were reseeded this year from what Maybe termed "a bogus bentgrass" to a Penncross from Jacklin.

**Made-for-TV preparations:** Like Fearing at Castle Pines, Maybe tries to keep the course in the same condition for members that he does for the pros and TV cameras. Some changes are needed, however. Mowings are more frequent prior to and during the tournament. Fairways are groomed twice daily.

Greens are triple cut mornings and double cut at night. Roughs are allowed to double in height from two up to four inches and crew members leaf rake bunkers. MARSHALL FEARING Castle Pines Golf Club Castle Rock, Colo. The International Aug. 19-22, CBS/ESPN

Marshall Fearing, 32, has worked on golf courses since age 13. "Mybrother and I had played a lot of golf," remembered the North Dakota native. "They finally caught up with us and put us to work." He relocated to Denver after graduating from Penn State's two-year turf management program in 1985. Following a brief stint as foreman at Cherry Hills

Country Club during that year's PGA Championship, he moved on to Castle Pines as assistant superintendent. He became head man in 1987.

Things to look for: "Ben Crenshaw said in 1987 that these were the best greens on the Tour. For a putter like him to say something like that was quite a compliment." That's the type of expectations Fearing and his 38-

member crew have to live up to. One of the things the cameras can't capture is the size of the facility. Laid out in two large loops, it takes 45 minutes of non-stop driving to navigate the Jack Nicklaus-designed track. Fearing divided the course into three sections. A foreman and several crew members are responsible for each section. They remain there an entire year, moving on to a new location shortly after each tourney. "That way they become very familiar with a section, but don't get bored because they eventually do something else."

**Made-for-TV preparations:** What you see during The International is pretty much what members get the rest of the year. "We really don't do anything different, except for our mowing frequency. We mow fairways every day during the tournament, but less often otherwise." Television cables are buried underground, one of the advantages of having a yearly tournament.

## Artist's work to raise funds for Cooperative Sanctuary Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Audubon Society of New York State has chosen Adriano Manocchia, an internationally acclaimed artist of sporting scenes and wildlife, to create a series of prints to benefit the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses (ACSP).

Manocchia, in association with Somerset House Publishing, will donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the prints of famous golf courses to further the work of the ACSP.

Upon the release of Manocchia's print, "TPC at Sawgrass, The 16th and 17th Holes," golfer Ben Crenshaw said: "I'm pleased that the ACSP is taking such an active role in showing how golf courses can enhance and protect wildlife habitat. Golf courses over the years have provided valuable open spaces, greenbelts, and natural sanctuaries for wildlife. I am hopeful that the efforts of the ACSP will increase public awareness about the positive effects a golf course can offer to the environment."

The five prints in the series published by Somerset House Publishing feature Pinehurst Resort and Country Club in North Carolina; TPC at Sawgrass near Jacksonville, Fla.; Barton Creek Country Club near Austin, Texas; Harbour Town Golf Links at Seapines in Hilton Head, S.C.; and TPC at Scottsdale, Ariz.

Upon the release of the fourth print in the series, "Harbour Town Golf Links at Seapines," Manocchia noted: "I am pleased to contribute through my art to the preservation and conservation of America's wildlife and their natural habitat by working with the Audubon Society. The Cooperative Sanctuary Program is an ideal way for our country's golf courses and the game's millions of enthusiasts to be environmentally responsible."

## Leadership and development seminars planned

LAWRENCE, Kansas — GCSAA Executive Development educational programs have been scheduled for the 1993-94 seminar season.

They include:

• Leadership I: Personal and Interpersonal Dynamics—Sept. 22-24 in Lawrence.

• Technical Business Management Strategies and the Legal Aspects in Golf Course Management — Oct. 20-22 in Chicago and March 23-25 in Newburgh, N.Y.

• Developing and Maintaining Effective Management/Employee Relationships — Nov. 16-18 in East Lansing, Mich., and April 27-29 in San Antonio, Texas.

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