

## Tour of Duty

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### Ducker

edges, which is sort of unusual."

**Made-for-TV preparations:** "We try to view all the holes from the camera settings. We tend not to worry so much about striping so much as improving the areas that don't come into play. For example, the area to the right of the 10th tee is totally out of play. But you can see it from the camera. So we've gone in and irrigated it, sodded it and put in a landscaped bed."

Ducker said he hopes the course will look more manicured this year. "Last year we had eight inches of rain during the tournament. The roughs got real shaggy because we simply couldn't mow them."

### Hague

three feet tall by the tournament. On most holes, there will be no more than 20 yards of primary rough before you hit the real tall stuff."

**Made-for-TV preparations:** Hague has experience with TV and with ABC, which televised the Open at Hazeltine. "I'm very fortunate to be working with ABC again," Hague said. "We know where all the towers are going to be, so we can adjust for striping. But after they set up, I'll go up in each tower and take another look from every angle."

Every superintendent has his own theories on striping and Hague is no exception: "We try to stripe not necessarily with the flow of the hole. I feel it shows up better on TV and it's not as obtrusive to the players—at least, they've told me that. About four to five days before the tournament we'll burn the stripes in place."

### Pierson

in charge."

**Made-for-TV preparations:** "Back in 1990 [when Cherry Hill hosted the U.S. Amateur], Mr. Boatwright [then USGA president, P.J.] said he wouldn't change a thing for the Senior Open. So we haven't. The nature of a golf course of this caliber is you do all that stuff for the members anyway. We double cut all year long and we get the greens to 10-1/2 for member events."

As part of the ongoing restoration process, Pierson has overseen reconstruction of every bridge on the property — all in rustic brick. Thirteen of the 18 holes at Cherry Hills have water features. However, Little Dry Creek has grown, creating an erosion problem in spots. In response, Pierson has instituted a rock stabilization program using a lined-boulder approach for "a more natural look."

GOLF COURSE NEWS

## Rutgers opens two-year turf school to applicants

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The course is recommended for golf course superintendents, assistant superintendents, greenkeepers, irrigation technicians and mechanics who have a minimum of two years experience working in turf management.

The fall session will be held Oct. 4 to Dec. 10, and the winter session will be held Jan. 3 to March 11, 1994. Applications are due on Aug. 6 and Oct. 29, respectively.

To request a brochure and application or for more information, contact the Office of Continuing Professional Education, Cook College, P.O. Box 231, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903; telephone 908-932-9271.

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