

Southeast

FLORIDA SOD GROWERS MEET

Pointing to the importance of research, and the role of experimental stations, IFAS turfgrass breeder Dr. Phil Busey said his work and goals are "to produce quality sod of different varieties with new technology and the wisdom of individual sod growers."



He told the Florida Sod Growers Co-operative, Inc. field day attendees breeding better St. Augustinegrasses is a major goal of his research.

David Barnes of Agronomic Resources said a survey of the Florida Turfgrass Association will define any misconceptions legislators have of the turfgrass industry. "Presently, turfgrass is characterized as a non-essential item in the state," he said.

COUSART HEADS JUNIORS

Dave Cousart, superintendent and head professional at the University of Georgia Golf Course, has been re-elected president of the Georgia Junior Golf Foundation.

Mountains



HOWES EARNS CERTIFICATION

Jeffrey Howes, superintendent at the Country Club of the Rockies in Vail Valley, Colo., has earned status as certified golf course superintendent from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Superintendent at Country Club of the Rockies for seven years, Howe previously worked at Keystone Golf Club and for Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. He holds a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation management from Central Michigan University, and attended the University of Massachusetts' turfgrass school.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DONATES

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — The Rocky Mountain Turfgrass Research Foundation has given Colorado State University \$25,400 for turfgrass research.

The projects will be conducted by Drs. Tony Koski, Whitney Cranshaw, Robin Cuany, Bill Brown and Harrison Hughes.

The studies will relate prima-

rily to the arid, high-altitude conditions of the Rocky Mountain region.

The foundation has donated more than \$125,000 to CSU over the last five years.

GREEN IN ARIZONA

PHOENIX, Ariz. — "Best of the Green" will be the theme of the Southwest Horticultural Trade Show, Sept. 8-9, at Phoenix Civic Plaza.

Conducted by the Arizona Nursery Association, the show will feature a new products area — in addition to both space — for plants, equipment and hard goods.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) will conduct a one-day equipment seminar Sept. 8 and a two-day environmental considerations in golf course management.

The trade show will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days.

More information is available from the ANA at 1430 W. Broadway A-125, Tempe, Ariz. 85282; 602-966-1610.

KEY EARNS IPM PAPERS

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Jim Key, a certified golf course superintendent and director of golf manage-

ment of The Pointe-Hilton Resorts here, has earned an environmental specialist certificate in integrated plant management (IPM).

The recognition is part of the GCSAA's Environmental Management Program, which consists of training in IPM; underground storage tanks; golf course development; employee safety and right-to-know; water quality and application; and storage, disposal and recycling.

CREW TURNS FIREFIGHTERS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Superintendent Craig Kniffen's crew at Ancala Country Club aimed sprin-

klers at a wind-driven brush fire, helping to beat down the blaze and keep it from reaching a nearby subdivision.

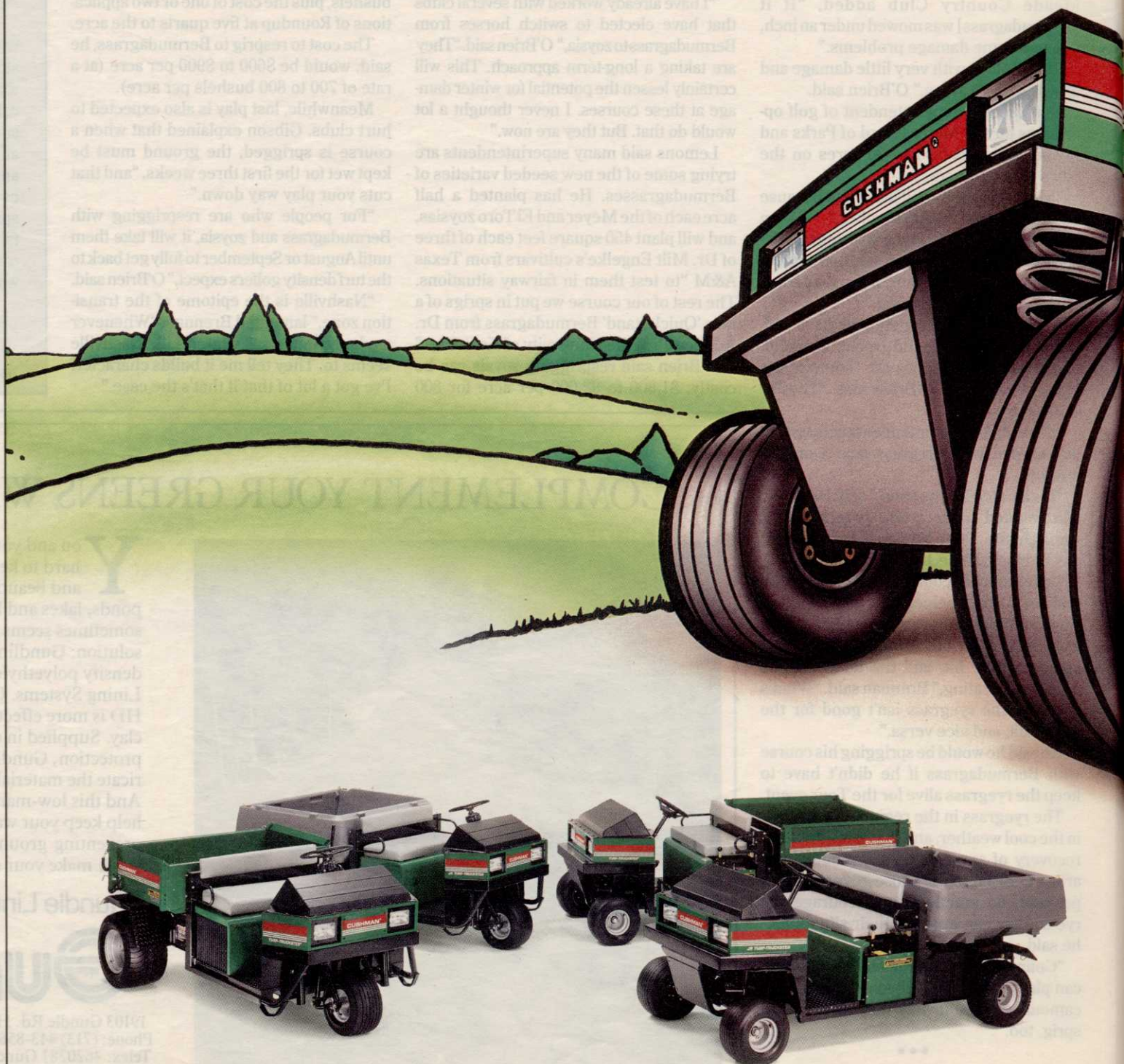
Officials suspect a cigarette may have caused the May fire to break out on the 7th hole, where desert separates parallel fairways.

Winds fanned the fire, which initially covered an area of about 150- square feet, Kniffen told Cactus & Pine GCSA headquarters.

The green expanse of the course also helped stop the fire.

Firefighters, an airplane and a helicopter teamed to contain the fire.

Keep On



Northeast

LAY RE-ELECTED N.J. PRESIDENT

Robert Lay of Mountain Ridge Country Club has been re-elected president of the New Jersey Golf Course Mechanics Association.

Lay, who founded the group along with Ray Schroeder, Wayne Frew and Gary Droz, head the 1994 slate of officers along with Vice President Gary



Droz of Ridgewood Country Club, Secretary Wayne Frew of Echo Lake Country Club and Treasurer Brian Coleman of Upper Montclair Country Club.

Lay, Ray Schroeder, Frew and Droz founded the organization, with financial and technical help from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey. Its meetings are held in late fall, winter and early spring.

CASTEEN CERTIFIED

Earle Edward Casteen of Forge Pond Golf Club in Brick, N.J., has earned designation as a certified golf course superintendent from

the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). Casteen has been at Forge Pond since 1987.

FUEL STORAGE LAWS DRAFTED

New above-ground fuel storage regulations are being written by New Hampshire government officials and should be completed by the end of the year, according to superintendent Richard Weeks of Candia (N.H.) Woods Golf Links, the government relations liaison for the New Hampshire GCSA.

Woods reported in the association's newsletter that he

had been discussing storage regulations with state officials.

Meanwhile, he said the Worker Protection Standards and subsequent applicator retesting does not involve the golf industry at this time, due to the industry's high standards and recertification and education seminars.

RUTGERS ACCEPTING STUDENTS

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.—Applications are being accepted for the two-year Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School. The course is presented in two 10-week sessions over two years and requires two seasons of super-

vised field experience.

The program includes technical skills required of all superintendents and is recommended for golf course superintendents, assistant superintendents, greenkeepers, irrigation technicians and mechanics who have a minimum of two years' experience in turf management.

Fall session will be held Oct. 3 through Dec. 9, 1994. The winter session runs Jan. 2 through March 10, 1995.

Applications for fall are due Aug. 5, and winter applications are due Oct. 21.

For more information please contact the Cook College Office of Continuing Professional Education at P.O. Box 231, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903-0231; or call 908-932-9271.

West

IN SEARCH OF BEST GREENS

CORVALLIS, Ore.—Seed Research of Oregon is searching for the best greens around, and the winning superintendent will get a trip to the 1997 International Turfgrass Conference in Sydney, Australia. Seed Research National Sales Manager

Skip Lynch is looking for "the very best 18 greens of Providence, SR 1020 or Dominant creeping bentgrasses."

An independent panel of experts will judge the courses submitted by the Seed Research Distributor Network in May 1996, he said. Greens will be judged on color, texture, density, speed and overall health. Consideration will also be given to age, amount of play, maintenance budget and regional, climatic extremes.

Entrants should contact their local distributor or call Seed Research at 800-253-5766.

SPANISH BAY JOINS AUDUBON

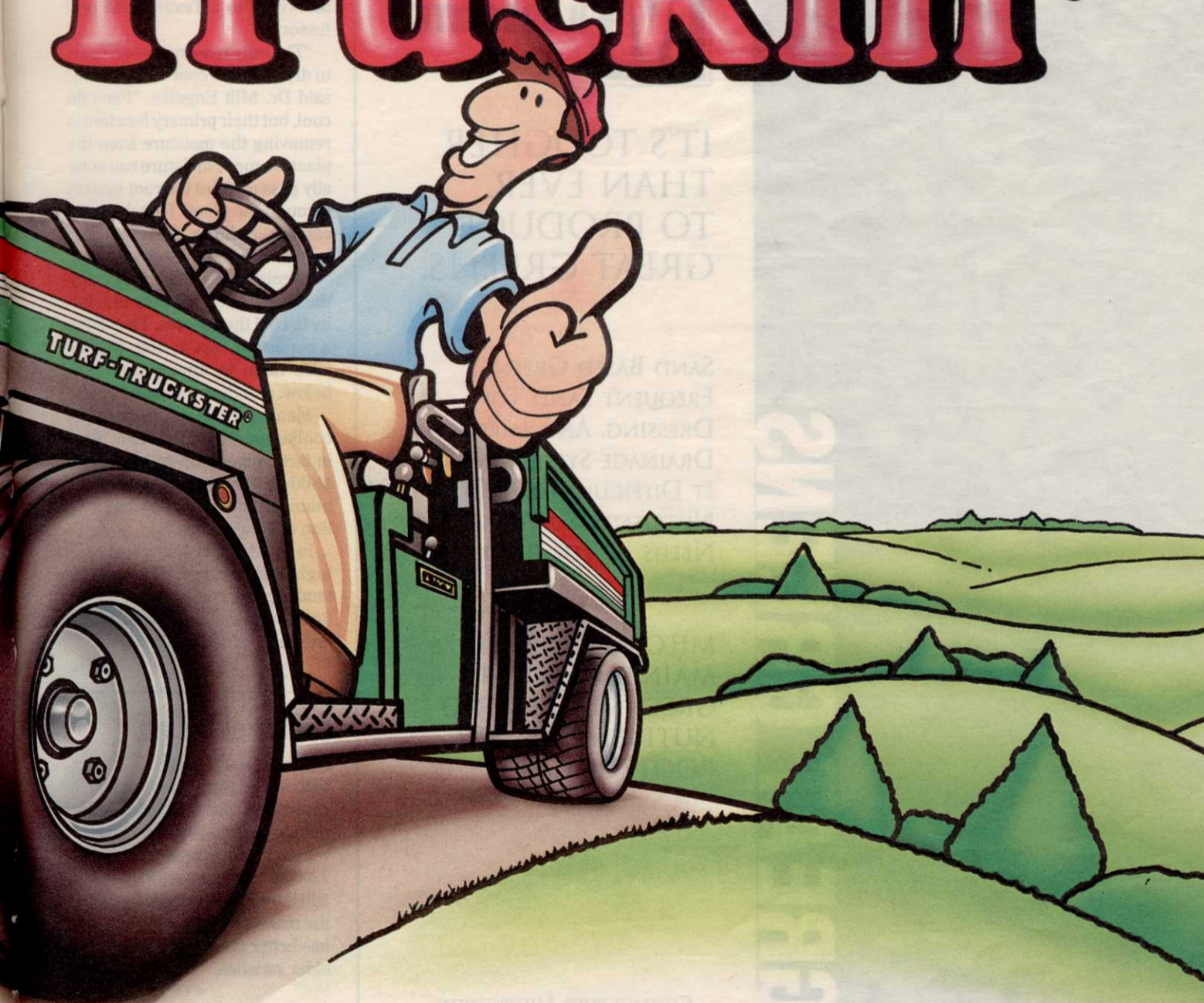
PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.—The Links at Spanish Bay golf course will participate in the New York Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, an environmental discipline designed to preserve and enhance the environmental quality in golf courses.

Only 16 courses nationwide have met the requirements set by the Audubon program. Officials at The Links parent company, Pebble Beach Co., hope its course will be the 17th.

As part of their wildlife-friendly campaign, workers at The Links will leave dead trees standing to provide food and nesting sites for birds. The course will also conserve water through a wastewater reclamation system, encourage tours by local schools, display educational material, and use more organic fertilizers.

Environmentally successful projects at The Links will be incorporated into all five Pebble Beach Co.-owned golf courses.

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