

Georgia walks away with team title

## Virginia's ex-pro Bob Friend captures GCSAA golf crown

By VERN PUTNEY  
AUSTIN, Texas — Bob Friend hugged fairway, green and par over two local courses and 36 holes to win the two-day annual Golf Course Superintendents Association of America championship in his first try.

The superintendent at River's Bend Golf Course in Richmond, Va., had 73-73 rounds at par-71 Barton Creek Crenshaw/Coore

Golf Course and par-72 Austin Country Club, the second-day site for the front-runners.

Friend, 37, a former professional who regained amateur status in 1989, battled the elements — wind, rain, sleet and snow — to post a three-stroke bulge on Randy Waldron of The Golf Club of Georgia in Alpharetta, and Doug Browne of Stephen F. Austin Country Club in San Felipe,

Texas. Waldron posted 79-70 and Browne 75-74 for their 149s.

A shot behind Waldron and Browne were first-day leader and three-time champion Roger Null, vice president and general manager at Boone Valley Golf Club, Augusta, Mo., and Jim Dusch of Atlanta National Golf Club, Alpharetta, Ga.

The Georgian entry — Dusch, Waldron, Michael Wilson of

Cannongate On White Oak in Newnan, and GCSAA immediate past president Randy Nichols of Cherokee Town & Country Club in Dunwoody — easily captured the chapter team competition. They combined for 248 points in winning their second title in three years. Waldron's second-day 70 was the tourney's low 18-hole score.

The Midwest AGCS #4 four-

some of Robert Kronn, Al Pondel, Tommy Robinson and Randy Wahler totaled 225.

Wilson shared individual sixth place at 153 with Cole McInnis of Willow Point Golf & Country Club in Alexander City, Ala.

Early the second day, Null seemed on the verge of winning the tournament with an assist from

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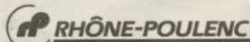
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## New technologies

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to 300 amps). Further, the key switch has been placed on a new one-piece dashboard.

- The Melex composite rim: It wasn't necessarily a free-standing product, but Melex's new plastic golf car rim — manufactured by Carlisle — set itself apart. It's lighter, meaning less compaction in turf areas. But the real benefits behind the composite rim, according to company spokesmen, are its more precise manufacturing capabilities. Less deviation in production, few leaks. Will the rest of the industry follow? Perhaps we'll know by 1995, in San Francisco.

- Sentinel Turf Fungicide from Sandoz: Fungicides aren't introduced every day — the EPA sees to that. Sentinel spent eight years in testing, not to mention an EPA-approved Experimental Use program on 45 golf courses last year. Not surprisingly, Sandoz — fresh on the heels of its Barricade launch — pulled out all the stops while introducing its first fungicide. Sentinel is designed to combat 14 turf diseases, in water-soluble packaging, and may be tank-mixed with Daconil and Chipco. If small talk on the floor is any indication, superintendents got the message.

- The Toro HC4000 Aerator: There was a time when Toro wasn't known for its aeration. Those days are gone. Smaller than the fairway job and bigger than a greens aerator, the HC4000 is the mid-sized model, designed to allow aeration in more confined areas, like greens and tees, while still handling nearly an acre per hour. In addition to the HC4000, Toro announced the true availability of its Injector Pro do-it-all spray apparatus. Introduced in Anaheim last year as a sort of tease, the Injector Pro is now ready for delivery — complete with a new self-cleaning, pressure-washing system.

- The Ferris-Reel from Ferris Golf, Inc.: Equipped with the European chevron (V-shaped) blade, the Ferris-Reel bills itself as self-adjusting and self-sharpening. Basically, the bed knife is spring-loaded so that uniform pressure is maintained between it and the reel. Wilmington (Del.) Country Club Superintendent Paul Latshaw has given the product his stamp of approval, and other supers voiced their interest.

## The best of GCSAA's best on links

### TOP TEN FINISHERS — CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Robert Friend, River's Bend Golf Course, Chester, Va. 73-73—146  
 Randy Waldron, The Golf Club of Georgia, Alpharetta 79-70—149  
 Doug Browne, Stephen F. Austin CC, San Felipe, Texas 75-74—149  
 Jim Dusch, Atlanta National Golf Club, Alpharetta, Ga. 77-73—150  
 Roger Null, Boone Valley Golf Club, Augusta, Mo. 72-78—150  
 Michael Wilson, Cannongate On White Oak, Newnan, Ga. 75-78—153  
 Cole McInnis, Willow Point G&CC, Alexander City, Ala. 75-78—153  
 Clint Deeds, Tascosa Country Club, Amarillo, Texas 77-78—155  
 Al Pondel, Deerfield Golf Club, Deerfield, Ill. 77-78—155  
 Chandler Masters, Talamore at Pinehurst, Southern Pines, N. C. 75-80—155

### FIRST FLIGHT (7-12 Handicap)

**Gross Division Points**  
 Michael Garvale, Palo Alto Hills CC, Palo Alto, Calif. 54  
 John Gallagher III, Racebrook CC, Orange, Conn. 52  
 Andy Dauskas, Glen Oak CC, Glen Ellyn, Ill. 51

**Net Division**  
 Harold Neal, Tulsa CC, Tulsa, Okla. -3  
 Matthew Linscott, Circle C GC, Austin, Tex. -4  
 Dale Hahn, Pala Mesa, Resort, Fallbrook, Calif. -6

### SECOND FLIGHT (13-18 Handicap)

**Gross Division**  
 Michael Jess Pifferini, The Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, Calif. -47  
 Paul Dushane, Knollwood CC, West Bloomfield, Mich. -44  
 Ty Rucker, Horseshoe Bay Resort, Horseshoe Bay, Texas -43

**Net Division**  
 Ronald Garrison, The Center Valley Club, Center Valley, Pa. +4  
 Tye Heidebreder, Twin Oaks CC, Springfield, Mo. +1  
 Joe Aloni, Westchester CC, Rye, N.Y. +1

### THIRD FLIGHT (19-24 Handicap)

**Gross Division**  
 Robert Alonzi, Winged Foot CC, Mamaroneck, N.Y. 43  
 Peter Wilson, Seattle (Wash.) GC, 33

**Net Division**  
 Tommy Anderson, Broadmoor GC, Colorado Springs, Colo. +4  
 Mark Printsky, McGregor Links CC, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. +3

### FOURTH FLIGHT (25+ Handicap)

**Gross Division**  
 Trevor Oxtoby, Colony Club Gutenhof, Himberg, Austria 25  
 Bobby Murtaugh, Perry Park CC, Larkspur, Colo. 24

**Net Division**  
 Bill Milsop, Old York Road CC, Springhouse, Pa. +6  
 Roger Stewart Jr., Stonebridge CC, Aurora, Ill. +5

### SENIOR I FLIGHT (50-56)

**Gross Division**  
 Corey Eastwood, Stockdale CC, Bakersfield, Calif. 56  
 Kerry Ortmeier, Blacklick Woods Golf Course, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 52

### SENIOR II FLIGHT (57-64)

**Gross Division**  
 Frank Lamphier, Aspetuck Valley CC, Weston, Conn. 60  
 Ed Stocke, Santa Rosa G&CC, Calif. 49

**Net Division**  
 John Spodnick, Westfield CC, Westfield Center, Ohio +4  
 James Wyllie, James Wyllie & Assoc., Brampton, Ontario +2

### SUPER SENIOR FLIGHT (65+)

**Gross Division**  
 Clele Idoux, Retired; Granite City, Ill. 57  
 James Matteson, Century Oaks GC, Elkton, Mich. 35

**Net Division**  
 Robert Pontius, Taylor Meadows, Taylor, Mich. -4  
 John Petraitis, Crestwood CC, Rehoboth, Mass. -13

### AFFILIATE FLIGHT

**Gross Division**  
 David Bingham, R. V. Cloud Company, Campbell, Calif. 57  
 Michael Sommer, Germain's Seeds, Bakersfield, Calif. 55

**Net Division**  
 Dale C. Miller, Edina CC, Edina, Mont. +9

James Davis, Hydro-Scape, San Diego, -2

### CHAPTER TEAM COMPETITION

**Gross Division**  
 Georgia GCSA #1 (248 Points)—Jim Dusch, Randy Nichols, Randy Waldron, Michael Wilson.

Midwest AGCS #4 (225)—Robert Kronn, Al Pondel, Tommy Robinson, Randy Wahler.  
 Carolina GCSA (220)—Brad Brooks, Chuck Green, Chandler Masters, Dave Powell.

**Net Division**  
 Midwest AGCS #6 (-1)—Robert Maibusch, Les Rutan, Roger Stewart Jr., Bruce Williams.  
 Rocky Mountain GCSA #1 (-2)—Tommy Anderson, Frederick Law, Bobby Murtaugh, Jack Pendleton.

Metropolitan GCSA # 2 (-22)—Joseph Alonzi, Robert Alonzi, Dennis Flynn, Tim Powers.

## Friend takes top prize home

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weather which lashed the first-day field with sleet and rain and threatened cancellation. However, storm conditions vanished, course superintendents restored their tracks to excellent shape, and the tournament received the go-ahead.

Null opened with a one-over-par 72 despite a bogey-bogey finish on the "devilish" par three 17th and the difficult windup par-4 18th. He began the final day with a birdie to pull even with the card, but soon after ran into trouble.

He found water on two holes for a double bogey and bogey.

Playing partner Friend, meanwhile, was rock-steady. He hit 16 greens in regulation. While he

didn't make any big putts, he didn't miss a couple of par-testers.

Friend's previous tourney highlight was gaining the final round of 16 in the 1991 U.S. Publinx championship.

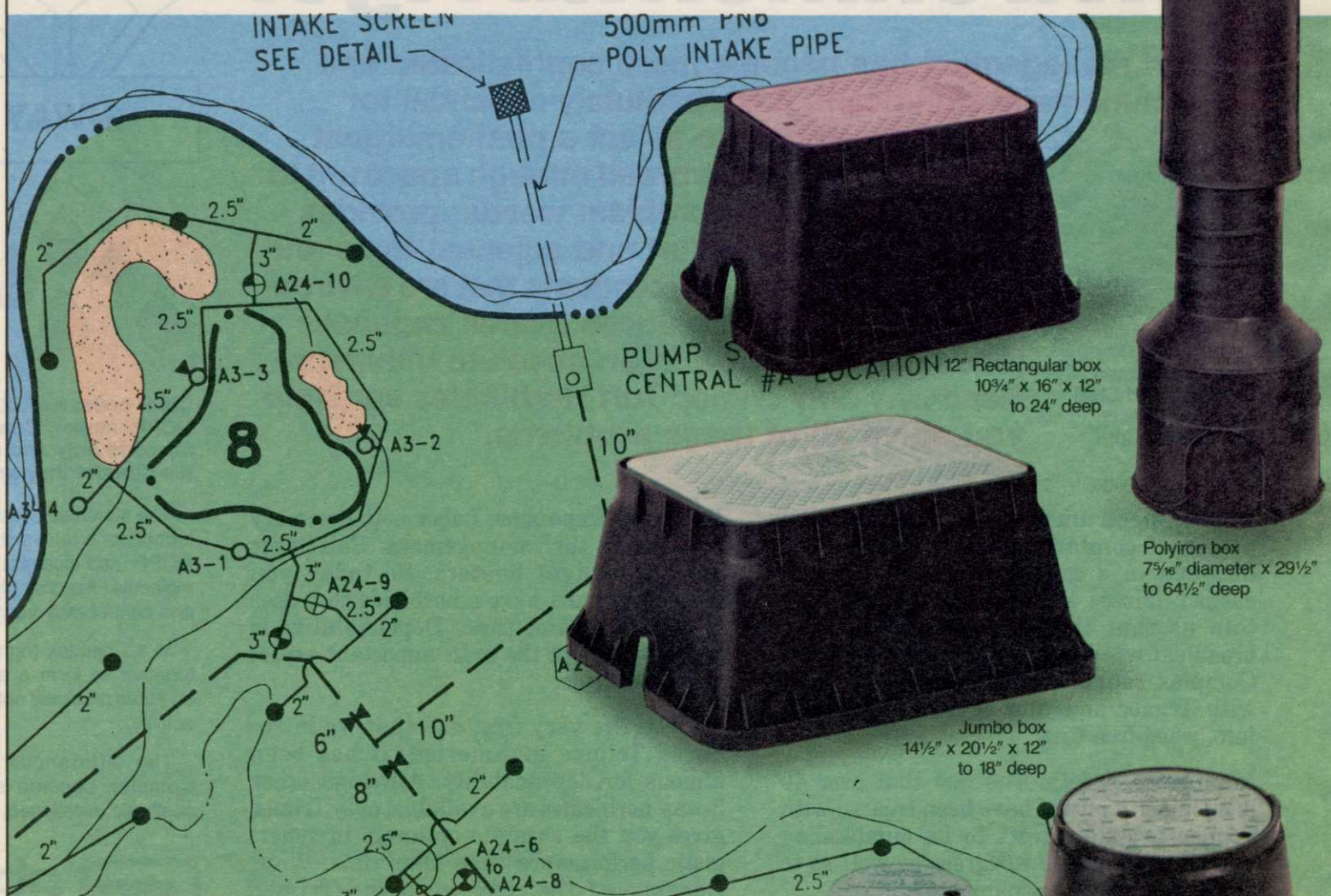
Friend, a pro for eight years, had been pro-superintendent at Mill Porter Country Club in Pawatan, Va., before deciding to go the strictly superintendent route. He was assistant pro at Hermitage Country Club in Manikin-Sabat, Va., from 1982-85.

His handicap has ranged from 2 to 4. He was a bit surprised at his title triumph because his playing time had been limited last summer. A tornado last August had devastated trees on his course.

Friend succeeds Dick Stuntz, Alvarado Country Club, Lawrence, Kan.

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Wrap-up

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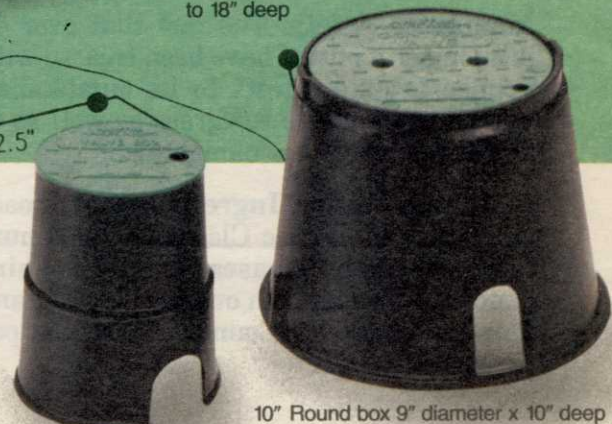
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