

BRIEFS



NEW ENGLANDERS UNITE

The New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association, the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England have decided to join forces in hosting the Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show. This new conference will be held in January, in Boston, Mass., and will combine the New Hampshire Turf Conference and the University of Massachusetts Turf Conference into one large show.

JARRELL HONORED IN FLORIDA

TAMPA, Fla. — Palm Beach National Golf and Country Club superintendent Mark Jarrell was presented the Wreath of Grass Award for outstanding contributions to the turfgrass industry at the Florida Turfgrass Association's (FTGA) conference and trade show at Tampa Convention Center. New FTGA President Gerry Millholen oversaw the event at which members presented \$70,000 to the FTGA for turfgrass development. Research donations in the state in 1995 have exceeded \$100,000.



Mark Jarrell

RUTGERS HONORING ALUMNI

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School will hold its sixth annual Alumni Awards Banquet on Nov. 4, 1995, at the Douglass College Center on the Rutgers University campus.

The banquet will feature certificate awards and scholarship presentations by the Rutgers Professional Turf Management School, the Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association, and the New Jersey Turfgrass Association and Turfgrass Foundation. For more information, contact Missy Marciante by telephone at 908-932-9271, or by fax at 908-932-1187.

OTF SHOW PLANNED

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Drs. Jim Beard and Tom Morgan will keynote the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation (OTF) Regional Conference and Show at the Greater Columbus Convention and Visitors Center here, Dec. 5-8. A retired



Texas A&M professor currently with the International Sports Turf Institute, Beard will speak on turfgrass benefits and environmental issues.

FRIENDLY FIRE

Competition in Columbus brings out the best in supers



The 11th hole at Ohio State University's nationally ranked Scarlet Course.

6:15 a.m.: At Ohio State University golfers are lining up to tee off at 7. A few miles away at Double Eagle, the course will host six foursomes today.



By MARK LESLIE

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Truth be told, you need only turn around and you can play another great golf course in this city. Five of the country's top 100 courses, according to one poll, operate here. So how do the superintendents — and their clubs — respond in the face of such stiff competition? Thrive or die?

"I don't want to sound boastful, but I don't think you can go anywhere in the country and find golf courses as well conditioned as we have right here," said Mark Yoder, superintendent at private Scioto Country Club in the near west end of Columbus. "Frequently, guests come in and say, '[They're playing] The Golf Club yesterday, Scioto today, Muirfield tomorrow, then Double Eagle...'"

Indeed, Golf Magazine's latest top 100 poll, released in October, ranks Muirfield Village Golf Club in nearby Dublin 19th in the United States, The Golf Club in neighboring New Albany 20th, Scioto 29th, Double Eagle in the suburb of Galena 41st and the public-access Ohio State University Scarlet Course a few blocks from Scioto 81st. The five superintendents are comrades-yet-competitors-in-arms.

"We're all proud to be on those ['best-of'] lists," said Terry Buchen, superintendent at the ultra-exclusive, ultra-condi

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Muirfield Village Golf Club

Type: Private
 Rated by *Golf Magazine*: 19th U.S.; 32nd world
 Rated by *Golf Digest*: 16th in the nation
 Maintenance staff: 9 full-time; 16 seasonal
 No. of Holes: 18
 Members: 200 local; 200 national
 Rounds per year: 20,000
 Green fee: \$125
 Stimpmeter readings: Not applied
 Height of cut in inches: greens 1/8; tees 1/4; fairways 7/16
 No. of tee markers: 3
 No. of sand bunkers: 70
 Metal spikes: Banned



Super Mike McBride

Architects: J. Nicklaus & Desmond Muirhead

The Golf Club

Type: Private
 Rated by *Golf Magazine*: 20th U.S.; 34th world
 Rated by *Golf Digest*: 28th in the nation
 Maintenance staff: 7 full-time; 17 seasonal
 No. of Holes: 18
 Members: 150 (+75 non-residents)
 Rounds per year: under 10,000
 Green fee: \$40
 Stimpmeter readings: 9.4
 Height of cut: 9/64-5/32 greens; 3/8 tees; 7/16 fairways
 No. of tee markers: 4
 No. of sand bunkers: 52
 Metal spikes: Mandatory



Super Keith Kresina

for members
 Architect: Pete Dye

Scioto Country Club

Type: Private
 Rated by *Golf Magazine*: 29th U.S.; 48th in world
 Rated by *Golf Digest*: 36 in nation
 Maintenance staff: 6 full-time; 25-30 seasonal
 No. of Holes: 18
 Members: 325
 Rounds per year: 20,000
 Green fee: \$60
 Stimpmeter readings: 10
 Height of cut: greens 1/8 greens; 3/8 tees; fairways 7/16
 No. of tee markers: 4
 No. of sand bunkers: 78



Super Mark Yoder

Metal spikes: Banned
 Architect: Donald Ross

Double Eagle Club

Type: Private
 Rated by *Golf Magazine*: 41st U.S.; 74th world
 Rated by *Golf Digest*: Too young to be ranked
 Maintenance staff: 11 full-time; 14 seasonal
 No. of Holes: 18
 Members: 47 local; 126 national
 Rounds per year: 5,000
 Green fee: N/A
 Stimpmeter readings: 11
 Height of cut: 1/8 greens; 5/32 tees; 3/8 fairways
 No. of tee markers: 4
 No. of sand bunkers: 83
 Metal spikes: Not banned (free rubber spikes)



Super Terry Buchen

Architects: Jay Morrish & Tom Weiskopf

Ohio State University Scarlet Course

Type: Public
 Rated by *Golf Magazine*: 81st in U.S.
 Rated by *Golf Digest*: N/A
 Maintenance staff: 5 full-time; 4 seasonal
 No. of Holes: 36
 Members: 1,500
 Rounds per year: 100,000 (50,000 per course)
 Green fee: \$10 students; maximum \$25
 Stimpmeter readings: 8-1/2
 Height of cut: greens 3/16; tees and fairways 1/2
 No. of tee markers: 3
 No. of sand bunkers: 105
 Metal spikes: Not barred



Super Gary Rasor

Architect: Alister Mackenzie

HEAD OF THE CLASS

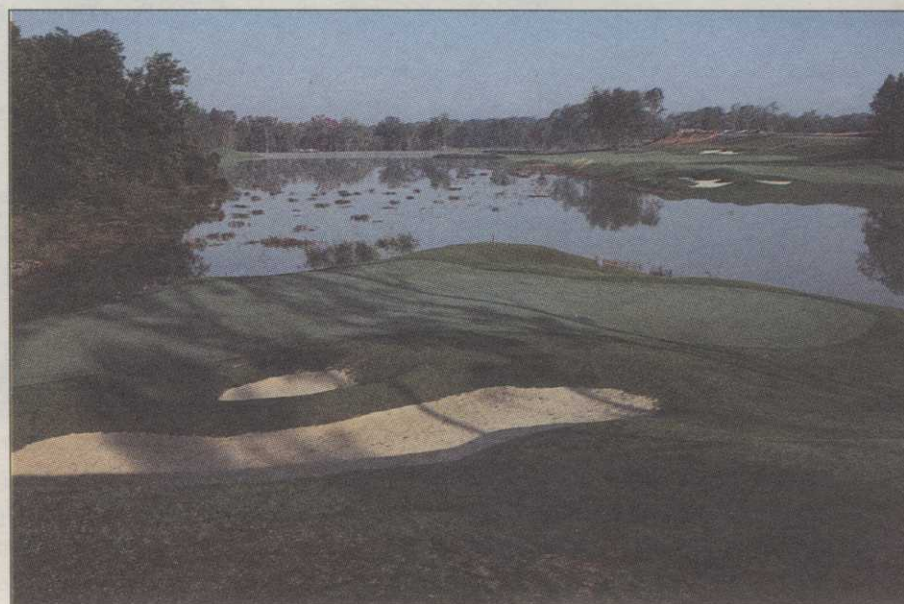
TPCs take Audubon challenge to heart

By CHRIS SMITH

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Tournament Players Club network has taken an aggressive approach toward the Audubon Society of New York's (ASNY) Cooperative Sanctuary Program, seeking to reinforce the notion that golf courses can and should benefit the environment.

The TPC at Southwind here recently became the fifth member of the TPC network to receive certification in the stringent Sanctuary Program. It closely follows certification of the TPC at Piper Glen in Charlotte, N.C., and TPC at River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn.

"We are the first course in Tennessee to be certified, which falls in line with what we have tried to be for many years — leaders in the golf industry," said General Manager John Huggins, promising



TPC at Piper Glen takes special care of its environment, such as the wetlands on this 17th hole.

to "truly work diligently over the next several years to actively build wildlife on the course and make it something special, unique to this area. We want to get

more members and homeowners involved."

"Our superintendent, Stewart Richards,

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