

# Miller named TPC's top superintendent

By PETER BLAIS

LAS VEGAS — The Tournament Players Club at Summerlin, managed by head superintendent Collier Miller, has been named the TPC's 1996 Operation of the Year for the second time in the past three years.

"Collier is a very professional, thorough manager with excel-

lent agronomic and communication skills," said TPC Director of Golf Course Maintenance Operations Cal Roth. "Communication is very important between TPC headquarters here [Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.] and the individual courses. Summerlin's staff respects Collier's leadership abilities. He has displayed solid man-

agement and financial skills."

Miller, 36, is a California Polytechnic State University graduate who managed three courses in the Palm Springs, Calif., area during an 11-year hitch with the Sunrise Co. He joined TPC at Summerlin in 1994 and won the Operation of the Year in his first season there.

The award is based on a criteria that includes daily course conditioning, agronomic practices, tournament conditioning, employee management, budget management and customer satisfaction.

"Collier has always rated high," Roth said. "You need to attain at



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least a 3.5 on a 4-point scale to be considered for Operation of the Year. Collier's always been in the running."

Miller also received the TPC's Landscape Award.

"Collier has 40 acres of landscaped areas on the course, everything from large areas of native grass to acacia plantings," Roth said. "He has another 6 1/2 acres around the clubhouse, giving him a total of more than 200 acres to care for. The facility is beautiful. And the equipment he uses to maintain it, much of which is 6 years old, looks brand new."

Other TPC awards handed out during the recent Golf Course Superintendents Association of America International Conference and Show in Las Vegas included:

- Gold Level Award for attaining at least a 3.5 on the TPC's 4-point scale — Summerlin/Miller, TPC of Michigan/Mike Giuffre, TPC at Sawgrass/Fred Klauk.
- Most Improved Operation — TPC at Prestancia/Tim Perez.
- Safety Awards for achieving a record of one accident for every 10,000-plus man-hours — TPC at Avenel/Paul Corder, TPC of Michigan/Giuffre, TPC at River Highlands/Tom DeGrandi, TPC at Sawgrass/Klauk, Golf Club of Jacksonville/Jim Dyer, TPC at Southwind/Jerry Ducker.

"We are looking forward to another good year in 1997," Roth said. On the board for this year are the moving of the Honda Classic to the new TPC at Heron Bay, which opened in 1996; the TPC at the Canyons, which opened last fall, hosting the Las Vegas Senior Classic in April; in Atlanta, the TPC at Sugarloaf's clubhouse opening in April, followed by the course opening and BellSouth Classic tournament in May; grow-in of the TPC at Jasna Polana in Princeton, N.J., and groundbreaking of the new Myrtle Beach TPC, both of which are scheduled to open in 1998.

## SEATTLE CITY COURSE EXECUTIVE RESIGNS POST

SEATTLE — The chief executive officer of Municipal Golf of Seattle, a non-profit organization that has operated the city's three courses the past 19 months, has resigned. Chris Redo, 44, resigned following complaints he alienated golfers, employees, golf associations and vendors. Redo had been appointed the first head of the Municipal Golf of Seattle organization in June 1995. Redo supporters said several improvements have been made under his tenure. Those supporters said friction was inevitable because some groups of golfers enjoyed certain playing and price privileges at the course before MGS took over that no longer exist.



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