

McNitt, Wetzel earn Watson fellowships

LAS VEGAS — Andrew S. McNitt, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Agronomy at Penn State, and Henry C. Wetzel, III, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Plant Pathology at Kansas State University, received Watson Fellowships here at the 1997 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) International Golf Course Conference and Show.

The Watson Fellowship program is sponsored by The Toro Co. and is administered by the GCSAA Scholarship and Research Foundation. The Fellowships are named to honor Dr. James R. Watson.

The goal of the Watson Fellowship program is to identify and recognize outstanding postgraduates who will be the leading industry educators and researchers of tomorrow. Applicants are judged on academic excellence, peer recommendations, communication skills, commitment to a career as an instructor and/or scien-

Supers handle Fla. water rules

FORT MYERS, Fla. — New water-use restrictions by the South Florida Water Management District caused by near-drought conditions could cause headaches for superintendents.

In the first phase of restrictions, golf courses can water greens and tees only at night while fairways can be watered from midnight to 8 a.m. Front nines can be watered Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, back nines on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Paul Zile, superintendent at San Carlos Golf Club, told the News-Press of Fort Myers the restrictions will pose problems.

"It's starting to get warmer, and the winds are starting to blow," he said. "And we're on 5 feet of sandy soil, so we can hardly get enough water anyway."

WEISKOPF, CRENSHAW DESIGN MICHIGAN COURSES

GRAYLING, Mich. - Tom Weiskopf and Ben Crenshaw are set to design two separate 18hole courses for a private residential golf community here. Forest Dunes is proposed for land in South Branch Township in Crawford County. The centerpiece would be two distinct 18hole championship courses the "White Tail" course designed by Weiskopf and the "Wild Turcourse designed by Crenshaw. The developer, a real estate firm from Scottsdale, Ariz... would like to start construction sometime this summer.

tist, accomplishments in research and education, and potential to contribute significantly to the industry.

Watson fellows receive a substantial scholarship and an expense-paid trip to accept the award at the GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show.

McNitt received a bachelor of

science degree in horticulture from Penn State in 1983. After service as a county agent in Philadelphia for seven years, he returned to Penn State in 1991 to begin graduate study in the Department of Agronomy. He received his master's degree in 1994. In 1992, he began working as a project associate in the

turfgrass project and continues in that position under the direction of Dr. Peter Landschoot. His Ph.D. research deals with physical soil conditions and playing surface characteristics of athletic field root-zone systems.

Wetzel is a graduate of Penn State as well, where he received a bachelor of science in agronomy in 1992. He was awarded a Master's in agronomy from the University of Maryland in 1994. Prior to beginning his Ph.D. studies at Kansas State University in the fall of 1995, he was a product development manager for Ciba Turf & Ornamental Division. His research deals with the assessment of the genetic diversity of fungal species that cause spring dead spot, and the colonization of Bermudagrass roots by these species to incite the disease.

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