

N.J. environmental alliance hires Sadlon as executive director

WARREN, N.J. — The Alliance for Environmental Concerns (AEC) has selected Nancy P. Sadlon as its new executive director. The AEC will also have a new address and phone number.

Sadlon has been involved with environmental issues and regulations for 14 years, most recently for the U.S. Golf Association (USGA) as its environmental specialist. She has provided guidance on wetland issues,

habitat enhancement, pond management, erosion control, integrated pest management, water conservation and other environmental regulatory issues.

She holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture/environmental planning and design from Rutgers University, where she continued her postgraduate studies focusing on wetland ecology and environmental issues. She is a principle of Sadlon

Environmental, a consulting firm providing professional expertise on various issues.

Sadlon takes the reigns of the AEC from its former executive director, Ilona F. Gray, who held the position since 1985. Gray leaves the position to relocate to Germany with her husband.

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Program, some of the new grass varieties, naturalizing the golf course with prairie grass and things like that. On one hand, it's a little scary and you have to be careful. But you have to look at the other side of the coin, too."

CC of Rochester members will miss Feindt, who joined the club in 1970 and has been working with architect Arthur Hills since 1980 on a long-term semi-renovation of the Donald Ross-designed course, including modifying some holes and redoing bunkers.

The club celebrated its centennial anniversary last year.

Since Bert Musser forced Feindt's hand 36 years ago, he has seen changes at his club and nationally.

Demands for highly maintained courses have come from members watching tourneys on TV, traveling and seeing tournament conditions and expecting that on their own facilities.

"We're not a tournament-type course like Oak Hill or Oakmont," he said. "A lot the of the older members are pretty understanding. They wanted to keep it low-key and no tourneys — no lightning-fast greens. Some of the younger members are asking for more than the older members. It has changed, but not as severely as some of the other courses.

"Not that people are stupid. But they don't understand agriculture. So many things are not black and white. There are so many gray areas. They ask, 'Why can't our greens be cut as tight as somebody else's? Why doesn't the ball stand up on our fairways like such-and-such course?'"

"Even though there's cooperation between superintendents, there's competition among clubs.

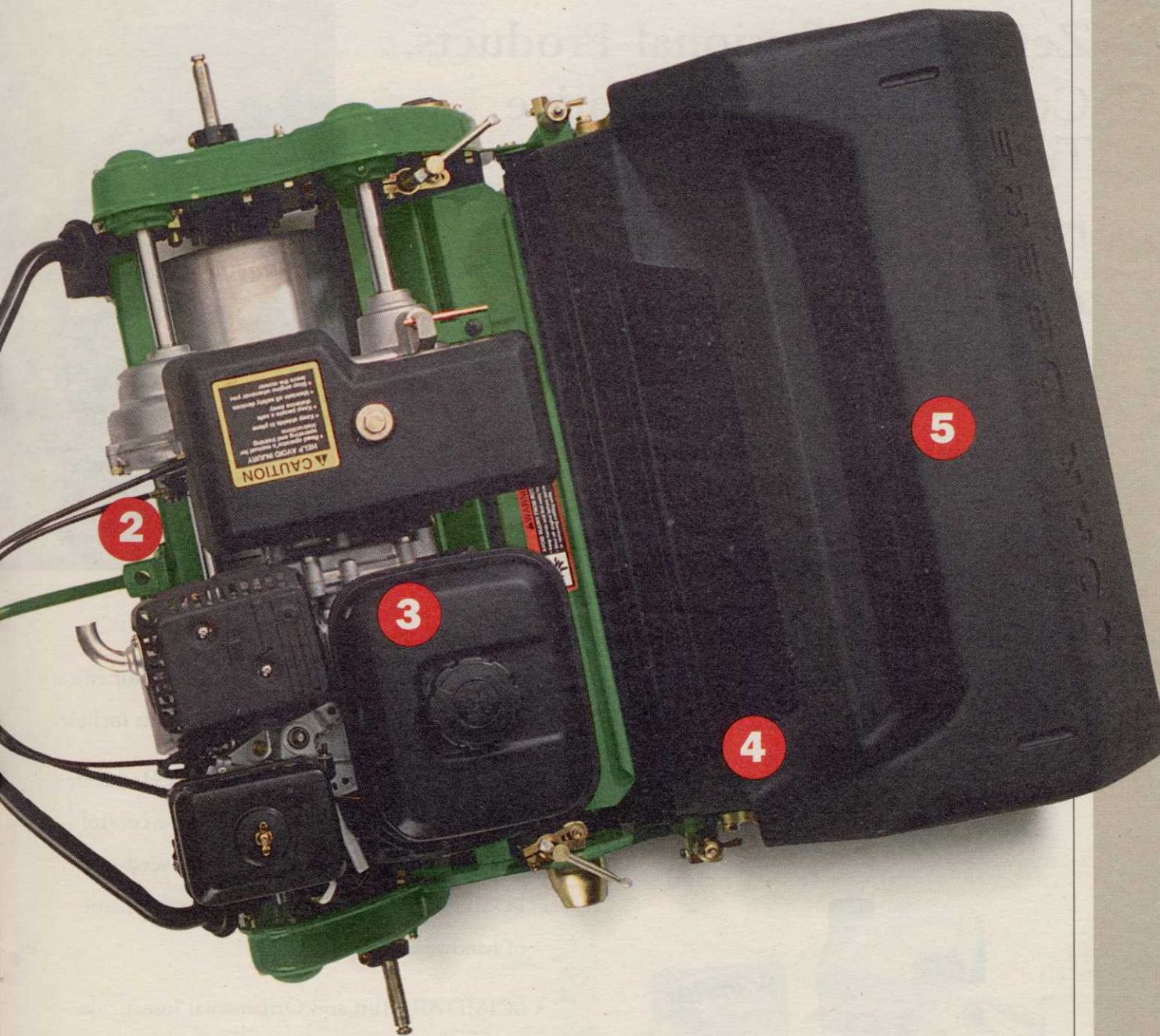
When members bring guests to the club they want the course to look picture-perfect, Feindt said. "They want to be proud of their facility. That is what's expected of us. It always has been the case, but more so now.

"Plus, when members get away from the daily pressures of the office, where do they go to relax? The golf course. They don't want to see an aerifier or a mower. Instead of seeing a psychiatrist, they golf — for peace and solitude."

Better conditions are also being demanded of superintendents at resort and daily-fee courses, Feindt said. "A lot of resort courses today are gearing up for the golfing customer," he said. "They are promoting the course and want better conditions because they want people coming back. A lot of the public and resort courses are in much better condition today than 30 years ago. The public golfer is demanding the same things the private golfer is."

But Feindt doesn't have to shoulder those concerns any more. He can relax, reflect on his career, and focus on such chores as publishing the *Penn State Turfgrass Alumni Club newsletter*. That's enough, he says.

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