Obituaries.....

LARRY KAMPHAUS 1943-1997

ORLANDO, Fla. - Larry Kamphaus, CGCS, superintendent of Disney's Magnolia G.C. in Orlando, Fla., died here at the age of 54. He is survived by wife Vilma; daughter Nicole and sons Larry, Jr. and Lance; and grandson Austin.

Larry had been with the Walt Disney World Co. for 26 years. He started his Disney career as a landscaper, planting the majestic oaks on Hotel Plaza Blvd. when Disney World was just a small preview center building off Interstate 4.

He moved into the golf course maintenance department and helped to grow in and open the Magnolia and Palm courses in 1971. He had been involved in the growth and development of all the remaining 99 holes of golf at Disney World, including the Lake Buena Vista, Oak Trail, Eagle Pines and Osprey Ridge courses.

He became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent in 1985.

During his tenure as the head superintendent for Disney World, he hosted two GCSAA Golf Championships and had been involved in all 26 of the Disney-Oldsmobile Golf Class PGA Tour Events, and three LPGA Healthsouth tournaments.

He and Vilma co-chaired the Central Florida Crowfoot Open Committee of the past decade. He also served many years on the Turf Advisory Council for the Orange County Extension Service.

STANLEY ZONTEK

CAPE MAY COURTHOUSE, N.J. Stanley Zontek a famed golf course superintendent whose son Stanley J. is a regional director with the U.S. Golf Association Green Section, died at home here on Feb. 17 after a lingering illness.

He was in his early 80s.

A Polish immigrant who moved to America with his parents at the age of 7, Mr. Zontek had retired from Wildwood Golf and Country Club in New Jersey after a long career as a golf professional, superintendent and pro/superintendent.

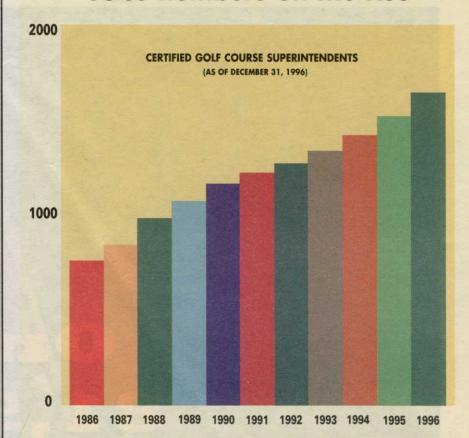
After beginning his career as a pro, he took a position as pro/superintendent at Oak Hill Golf Club in West Virginia, where he often played with Sam Snead.

He later moved to Manor Country Club in Rockville, Md., and to Rolling Green in Philadelphia and White Manor in Melvern, Pa., before taking his post at Wildwood.

Mr. Zontek was the first superintendent in the country to plant Penncross bentgrass. Most of the country later followed his lead.

Mr. Zontek is survived by his wife Laura, two brothers, one sister, three daughters and son Stanley J.

CGCS numbers on the rise



As of December 31, 1996, the GCSAA's Certification Program had 1,642 Certified Golf Course Superintendents. In 1996 the GCSAA reported a record year by adding 177 superintendents to the CGSC ranks. The association speculated that by the end of June, 1997, the number should be close to 1,800.

Source: GCSAA

