

MECHANICS' CORNER

# Jake backs program with scholarships in memory of employees

RACINE, WI — Jacobsen Textron, a major sponsor of the turf industry's first two-year associate degree program for turf equipment technicians at Texas State Technical College in Waco, has also established two annual scholarships for students participating in the program.

Developed in cooperation with Jacobsen's staff and the college, the technicians' program combines a curriculum focused on an understanding of hydraulics, electrical and engine principles, along with hands-on training.

"Jacobsen chose Texas State Technical College because of its

strong mechanics' program and an active advisory committee for its golf course and turfgrass management studies," said Tony Saiia, Jacobsen vice president of customer service & product support.

"The school has excellent training labs, as well as several holes of golf which provide per-

fect 'real life' areas for learning about turf equipment."

Saiia added that program developers agreed that technicians and mechanics should have a clear understanding of the day-to-day demands of turfgrass maintenance, in addition to their technical equipment training.

"Our intention," said Wallace "Tinker" Clift, CGCS, who heads the Golf Course & Turfgrass Management program at the college, "is to meet the demands that the golf and grounds maintenance industry has placed upon us in recent years. We want these students to receive both technical training in the classroom and field experience in an approved work situation before they graduate."

Jacobsen has established two annual scholarships to provide added support for the program: the "Wayne Snell Memorial Scholarship" and the "Steve Moffett Memorial Scholarship." They are named in memory of two turf professionals who were associated with Jacobsen until their untimely deaths from illness last year.

Wayne Snell was Jacobsen's manager of product training and helped pioneer many of the training programs offered at the company. Snell was 40 when he died from a cerebral aneurysm.

Steve Moffett was the president of S.V. Moffett Company, a Jacobsen distributor in West Henrietta, N.Y. Moffett was widely known for his educational interests and efforts on behalf of turfgrass students. He died last October from cancer.

The scholarships will be awarded to four students each year — two of the "Wayne Snell Memorial" and two of the "Steve Moffett Memorial."

"Jacobsen is extremely proud to sponsor this new, two-year associate degree for turf equipment technicians," said Saiia, "and we're excited about the scholarships. They are named for two friends of Jacobsen who believed in the power of education and who shared their knowledge with others to advance the turf industry. We're glad that Jacobsen can help carry on those ideals."

Ransomes, through its Dallas distributor Master Turf, is also supplying equipment and expertise for the program, Clift added.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN MEETINGS SET

The Rocky Mountain Golf Course Equipment Manager's Association has scheduled three events for this fall, according to Meeting Committee Chairman Chris Maurer of the Country Club at Castle Pines.

On Sept. 7 members and their families will get together for a family picnic at 11 a.m. at Clement Park.

The Country Club at Castle Pines will host an association meeting on Oct. 17 at noon. A speaker will address the group.

The annual meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14 at a location to be announced.



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