



A simple tool helps aim the tee markers.

## Tee marker a time- and grief-saver

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Golfers are universally apt to blame a poor tee shot on a tee that is aimed on either side of the target/landing area.

Or they blame the placement of the tee markers which are aimed off-target as well.

Sometimes the mowing patterns can restore the aiming of the tee surface simply by widening and aiming the edges properly toward the target/landing area.

Other times, the tee surface must be rebuilt to be aimed properly, which is a great time to level the tee surface, if need be.

The simplest way to keep golfers the happiest is to use a simple, very effective tool to aim the tee markers toward the target/landing area or to the center of the green on a straight, driveable par-4 or



most par-3 holes.

The Rules Officials of the PGA Tour, through a team effort with the Tour agronomists, designed a PVC "T" out of 1-1/2-inch pipe where each section is about two feet in length, then glued together.

The person responsible for changing the hole locations and tee markers simply uses the "T" by aiming the bottom end toward the target/landing area, then aligning each tee marker, usually at least five yards apart, or more.

Then the tee markers are perfectly placed.

The mowing of the tees usually takes place after the tee markers have been placed and a smaller, more portable "T" can be placed on the triplex mower, or on a truckster/trailer transporting a walk-behind tee mower.

## Carolinas, USGA co-sponsor conclaves

CHARLOTTE, N.C.— The U.S. Golf Association (USGA) Green Section will conduct two regional conferences this spring in the Southeast. The first will be held at Carmel Country Club here on March 25, jointly sponsored by the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association.

A second meeting will be held April 22 at Springhouse Golf Club in Nashville.

The conferences are designed for golf course superintendents, golf professionals, club managers, architects, build-

ers, club officials, turfgrass professors and students. Certification points for both superintendents and golf pros will be available.

Speakers include Jerry Pate, Dr. Wayne Hanna of the Tifton Station, Dr. Fred Yelverton of North Carolina State, Tommy Witt of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, and Frank Thomas and Jim Moore of the USGA.

Those interested in attending either conference should contact USGA Green Section, P.O. Box 95, Griffin, Ga., 30224.

## Rocky Mountain mechanics elect Robinson

David Robinson of Cherry Hills Country Club has been elected president of the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Equipment Manager's Association, succeeding the first president, Fred Peck.

Beryl Snider of Fort Collins Country Club was in line to move from vice president to the presidency, but withdrew from appointment.

Robinson, who will concentrate dur-

ing his term on educational seminars and membership growth, is joined by Vice President Chris Maurer of Country Club at Castle Pines and Secretary/Treasurer Steve Berry of Castle Pines Golf Club.

Serving on the board of directors are Allan Williams of Meadows Golf Course, Pat Parker of Lakewood Country Club, Matt Baldi of Rolling Hills Country Club and Manny Lam of Ranch Country Club.

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## N.Y. Turf Association re-elects Smith, fills openings on board

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Members of the New York State Turfgrass Association (NYSTA) have elected their 1997 officers and directors.

They re-elected President Stephen Smith, Vice President Anthony Peca Jr., and Secretary/Treasurer John Fik.

Smith is a long-time member of NYSTA who has served the association for many years as a board member and officer.

This is his second term as president. Peca is the president of Batavia (N.Y.) Turf Farms. Fik is employed by Marriott Management Services at Hobart and William Smith College in Geneva.

Current directors are Fran Berdine of O.M. Scotts Co., in Pine Bush, Joe Hahn of Oak Hill Country Club, Jim Hornung of North Americana Park in Buffalo, John Liburdi Jr. of Town of Colonie.

Also, Michael Maffei of Back O' Beyond in Brewster, Karl Olson of National Golf Links in Southampton, John Rizza of Grassland Equipment and Irrigation Corp., and Bob Scott of DowElanco in Springfield, N.J.

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