

# Vail Valley supers start water monitoring program

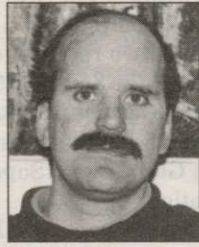
By MARK LESLIE

VAIL, Colo. — Vail Valley golf course superintendents and Colorado State University (CSU) begin a program in March to monitor water quality.

This program is being funded by the participating courses and a federal grant.

"Basically, it is to show every-

body that our practices are proper and we don't contribute to any problem with water quality," said Kevin Ross, superintendent at Country Club of the Rockies in Edmund and an editorial adviser to *Golf Course News*.



Kevin Ross

Countering attempts to make golf courses "a scapegoat," Ross said tests at his course may prove it actually improves water from Eagle River. The river dumps water into the course's irrigation pond, which then over-

flows back into the river. "We will test that ditch where it comes in and where it exits," Ross said. "So we can analyze our impact on it. We think it might return in better condition because we have ozone systems in the pond and other things that contribute to the oxygenation of the water." CSU Extension Agent Steve

Carcattera, whose background is in water quality within agriculture, conceived the idea.

Seven of the valley's eight courses have joined the monitoring program, and Ross believes the eighth will jump aboard. Already taking part besides CC of the Rockies are Vail, Eagle-Vail, Sonnenalp, Eagle Springs, Cordillera and Cotton Ranch.

Surface water from most of those facilities ends up in the Eagle River, Ross said.

Monitoring will vary but be year-round, most of it taking place in the summer. Ponds, rivers, creeks and streams will be checked and evaluated for general water characteristics and nutrients.

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## Ga. conclave set

TIFTON, Ga. — The 51st Annual Southeastern Turfgrass Conference will be held here May 5-7. A host of research findings will be presented throughout the conference, including findings on dwarf Bermudagrasses, paspalum, control of algae and mole crickets, and fairway and rough conditioning practices.

Information is available from Wayne W. Hanna of the University of Georgia Agricultural Experiment Station here, telephone 912-386-3177.

## Obituaries

### GCSANJ CO-FOUNDER WEILAND DIES AT 98

SKILLMAN, N.J. — Lewis Weiland, the senior member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey (GCSANJ), died Nov. 6. He was one day shy of 98. Mr. Weiland was involved with the creation of GCSANJ and served as president in 1936 and 1937. He began his career as a superintendent in the 1920s at Springdale Golf Club in Princeton. He worked there many years, until leaving to get involved in construction of Bedens Brook Club here, where he retired.

### 40-YEAR CANOE BROOK SUPER CAMPBELL DIES

ROCKAWAY, N.J. — Patrick V. Campbell, a golf course superintendent for 45 years, including 40 at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit, died Oct. 5.

Campbell, whose son Patrick K. is a superintendent at Panther Valley Golf and Country Club here, was a staple with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey (GCSANJ). After working at Canoe Brook CC, he was superintendent at Flanders Valley Golf Course for the Morris Country Park Commission, and superintendent of courses when Sunset Valley Golf Course was built. He retired in 1978, and in 1983 received his 25-year membership plaque from the GCSANJ.

