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Sir Michael Bonallack, right, president of the British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association, tours the BTME show floor with new BIGGA Chairman Elliott Small of Tulliallan in Scotland. For highlights of the event, see page 25.

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Andersons to buy Scotts Pro Turf

By A. OVERBECK

MAUMEE, Ohio — In a move that will likely trigger further consolidation within the fertilizer industry, The Andersons, Inc. has signed a letter of intent with The Scotts Co. to acquire Scotts' U.S. Professional Turf business.

The two companies have agreed to a long-term supply agreement under which Scotts will use its proprietary manufacturing processes to produce products for Andersons. The acquisition includes ProTurf, Contec and other brand names, the distribution network, customer lists and all trademarks

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Dinelli receives Excellence Award

By MARK LESLIE

NEW ORLEANS — Ingenuity and initiative in the Dinelli family are longstanding traits, the latest result of which is the presentation of the 2000 Scotts Tradition of Excellence Award to Dan Dinelli of North Shore Country Club in Glenview, Ill.

The Scotts Co. of Marysville, Ohio, presents the annual peer-nominated award to recognize outstanding achievements among superintendents who are "dedicated to advancing the science of course maintenance and making golf the best it can

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Superintendents, builders, owners trumpet change



New GCBAAs exec: Upgrade image

By PETER BLAIS

NEW ORLEANS — Increasing public and professional awareness of the importance of golf course builders is a primary goal of incoming Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBAAs) Executive Vice President Lee Hetrick.

"The builders need more exposure and recognition from the architects and superintendents because of the contributions builders make," Hetrick

said. "What you see when a course opens is a collaborative effort. But I don't know if I've ever looked at a golf course scorecard and seen the name of the builder. My objective would be to have the builder



Lee Hetrick

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NGCOA's Stine: Continue assn. growth

By PETER BLAIS

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. — In a sign of these consolidation times, William Stine, president of 100-course Meadowbrook Golf Group, was elected president of the National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA) during the group's annual meeting here.

"I've been on the [NGCOA] board for the past eight years and was a member before that," said Stine, who started in the business as a single-

course operator. "It's just in the past few years we've become a multi-course operator. I've evolved through the business, just as our organization has."

Stine's father, Charlie, started



William Stine

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GCSAA: Scott Woodhead takes reins

NEW ORLEANS — Scott Woodhead was elected president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America during the recent International Conference and Show held here.

Woodhead, who was appointed to the board in 1993, hails from Valley View Golf Course in Bozeman, Mont.

He replaces David Fearis of Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City, who will continue on the board as immediate past president.

Tommy Witt of StillWaters in Dadeville, Ala., was elected vice president and Michael Wallace of Hop Meadow Country Club in Simsbury, Conn. secretary/treasurer.

Also elected to the board of direc-



Scott Woodhead

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REPLENISHING NATURE

Greg Nash-designed Anthem Golf & Country Club shows its colors in Phoenix. Builders replenished the natural vegetation in order to bring back the land to its original state. See p.8.

North Shore's Dinelli chosen for Scotts Excellence Award

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be." It was given at the recent International Golf Course Conference and Show here.

"All these awards, Environmental Steward, Scotts Tradition of Excellence or what-have-you, are always a group effort, starting with the support of the board at North Shore Country Club,"

Dinelli said. "They allow us to express our creativity. As far as getting projects implemented, my cousin, Jerry Dinelli Jr., and the crew who all grew up together get them done.

Dinelli referred to his crew of seven who all worked for his father, Joe.

Joe and his brother, Jerry

Dinelli Sr., both worked for their father, Frank, who passed on the tradition of innovation in their family. Joe invented the power rake for sand traps and sold it to International.

Jerry Sr., the superintendent at nearby Northmore in Highland Park, worked with a computer company to create and in-

stall the first-ever computerized irrigation system.

Asked how important ingenuity is to his profession, Dinelli said: "The basics in turfgrass management remain pretty constant. The important thing is the innovation to make it more efficient and environmentally friendly. We need to continue

'All these awards ... are always a group effort, starting with the support of the board at North Shore Country Club.'

— Dan Dinelli

moving forward, whether toward more environmentally friendly chemicals and fertilizers, or machinery that applies water in an efficient manner."

In nine years at North Shore, Dinelli has built a reputation for excellence in maintenance not only on the golf course but also through his personal contributions to the profession.

Certified in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program in 1998, North Shore is recognized for its Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and biological pest management. The club was a regional winner in 1998 and a Mid-Continent Region winner in 1999 and 2000 of the Environmental Steward Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Personally, Dinelli was instrumental in the Chicago Peregrine Release program, which successfully reintroduced the peregrine falcon to the Chicago area. He also supported the effort to ban the pesticide fenthion, used for nuisance bird control, and served on the board of directors at Alexander Stillman Nature Center in Barrington, Ill.

Dinelli, along with the North Shore Country Club, is also involved in turfgrass research. In 1997, a putting green was built at the club to evaluate bentgrass varieties for sponsors GCSAA, the U.S. Golf Association and National Turfgrass Evaluation Program. The green is still in use.

In conjunction with the University of Illinois, Dinelli has conducted research on composts used on turfgrass, and, he serves on the Illinois Turfgrass Research Review Committee.

Sharing his experiences with students and peers is also important to Dinelli. Each year, he teaches a seminar on golf course management at Harper College and has been involved with the college's Park Management and Horticulture Advisory Committee for the past 15 years. His writing has been published in various publications.

Selection for the Scotts Tradition of Excellence Award was based on several criteria: teaching and mentoring experience; leadership; environmental responsibility; research and innovation in cultural or management practices; and professional involvement. The selection committee was composed of officers of the GCSAA and John Johnson, vice president of sales for Scotts Professional Business Group.



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