

BRIEFS



O'NEILL, MAIBUSCH ON GCSAA BOARD

LAWRENCE, Kansas—Golf Course Superintendents Association of America President Scott Woodhead has named two new members to the GCSAA board of directors. Mike Wallace's election as GCSAA secretary/treasurer and the resignation of director Samuel R. Snyder VII of Hercules Country Club in Wilmington, Del., left two director positions, each of one-year service, to be filled. Woodhead filled the first position by appointing Tim O'Neill of The Country Club of Darien in Darien, Conn. and the final director spot with Bob Maibusch of Hinsdale Golf Club in Clarendon Hills, Ill.

OTF DONATES \$137,000 TO OSU

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Turfgrass Foundation (OTF) has presented a \$157,000 check to Ohio State University (OSU), including \$137,000



in research grants to 10 technical advisors from OSU and \$20,000 in scholarships to turfgrass majors at

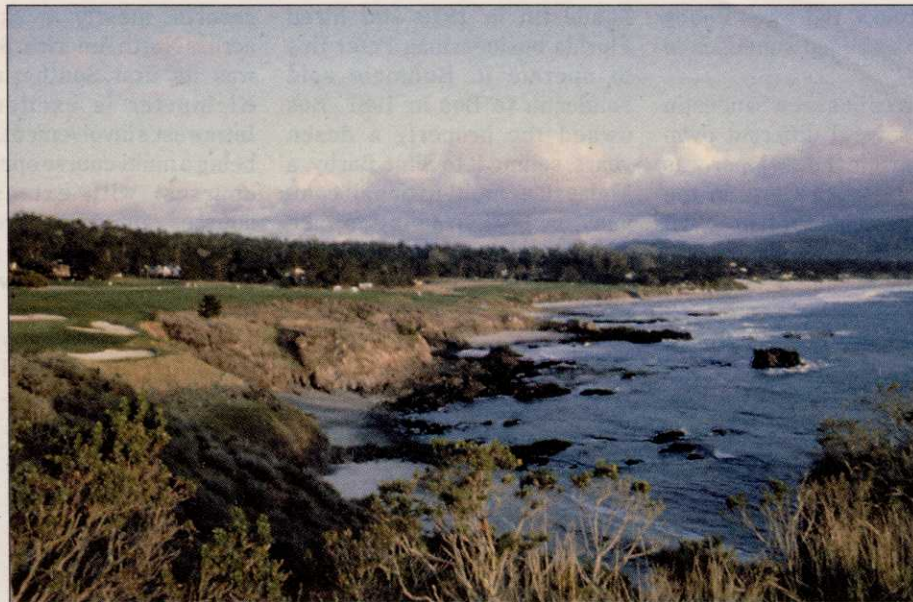
OSU and Agricultural Technical Institute. The OTF has donated more than \$3.3 million in research grants and more the \$300,000 in scholarships in its 40 years of support to the industry.

MILLIKEN BENEFITS GCSAA FOUNDATION

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Milliken Chemical Co. has pledged a commitment that could exceed \$250,000 to support programs of The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Foundation. The pledge places Milliken in The Foundation's Old Tom Morris Society, the highest giving level in the "Investing in the Beauty of Golf" campaign created to fund applied research and advanced education. Funding for the commitment comes from a percentage of sales from Milliken Chemical's foliar product line.

TAYLOR SIGNS ENVIRONMENTAL GOLF

TAYLOR, Calif. — The city of Taylor has selected Environmental Golf to provide maintenance at both Taylor Meadows and Lakes of Taylor golf courses. After five years of maintenance practices being implemented by Environmental Golf at The Lakes of Taylor site, it was the desire of the city to bring both courses under one qualified maintenance company.



Pebble Beach Golf Links' 8th, 9th and 10th holes hug the ocean cliffs.

Pebble Beach readies for Open

By DOUG SAUNDERS

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — A smorgasbord of major and minor changes have altered the face of Pebble Beach Golf Links recently, but a new head superintendent and his veteran staff intend to have the course in shape to be "the fairest possible test" for the U.S. Open, June 15-18.

"This is a very professional staff here at Pebble Beach," said new head superintendent Eric Greytok. "Their experience of preparing for last year's U.S. Amateur was invaluable in getting Pebble ready

for this June. They understand what the USGA [U.S. Golf Association] expects and how to meet those expectations.

"They know the program and I can rely on them to assist me as I work into my new position. They mean every hing to me."

This will be the fourth Open and the 10th USGA Championship held at the venerable Pebble Beach. It is fitting that this Open, the 100th contested, should return to the venue that has been the site of some of the greatest dramas in Open

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Kleinpeter: At Sandestin since the start

By PETER BLAIS

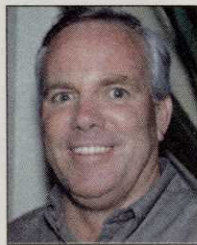
SANDESTIN, Fla. — George Kleinpeter has seen Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort through the construction of four courses and a half-dozen owners in his 27 years at the northwest Florida resort.

"My first job was running a tree spade and transplanting trees all over the property," remembered Kleinpeter, who first joined Sandestin in October, 1973, as an equipment operator and landscape installer during construction of the resort's first layout, Tom Jackson-designed Links Golf Course.

It didn't take Kleinpeter long to advance through the ranks. He became assistant superintendent of the Links in 1975 and head superintendent in 1977. Kleinpeter left his head superintendent's job (although he remained on the Sandestin payroll) in 1981 to caddie on the PGA Tour. But two years later he returned to Sandestin as full-time Links superintendent.

Shortly after his return, Kleinpeter oversaw construction of Sandestin's second layout, Jackson-designed Baytown Golf Club, which opened in 1985. Sandestin promoted Kleinpeter to head of grounds maintenance in 1991.

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George Kleinpeter



The Robert Trent Jones Jr.-designed Raven Golf Club at Sandestin offers Mackenzie-esque challenge

Intrawest opens the Raven GC at Sandestin

By PETER BLAIS

DESTIN, Fla. — The new Raven Golf Club at Sandestin marks a couple firsts for course designer Robert Trent "Bobby" Jones Jr.

The 18-hole, 6,900-yard layout is the first Jones Jr. design in northwest Florida. It is also the first time he and brother Rees have built courses side by side at the same facility.

While the Jones brothers admit their relationship isn't particularly close, their

Canadian GSA board elected

TORONTO—The Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA) has elected its board of directors, who will serve under new President Merlin Affleck of Stanhope Golf & Country Club (G&CC) in Stanhope, Prince Edward Island.

Affleck is joined by Vice President Jay Leach of Cottonwood G&CC of Dewinton, Alberta; Secretary/Treasurer and Ontario Director Bill Fach of New York Downs G&CC in Unionville; Atlantic Director Jim Nix of Abercrombie Country Club in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia; Manitoba Director Ian Martinusen of Breezy Bend Country Club, in Headingly; and Quebec Director Tim Harkness of Club de Golf Le Royal Bromont in Bromont.

Continuing their two-year terms are British Columbia Director Jim McGarvey of Seymour G&CC in North Vancouver; and Saskatchewan Director Bill Radke of Candle Lake Golf Course in Candle Lake. Neil Blayney of Highwood G&CC in High River, Alberta, was appointed as Alberta director to finish Leach's term.

Past President is Dean Pillar of Cordova Bay Golf Course in Victoria, British Columbia.

