

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

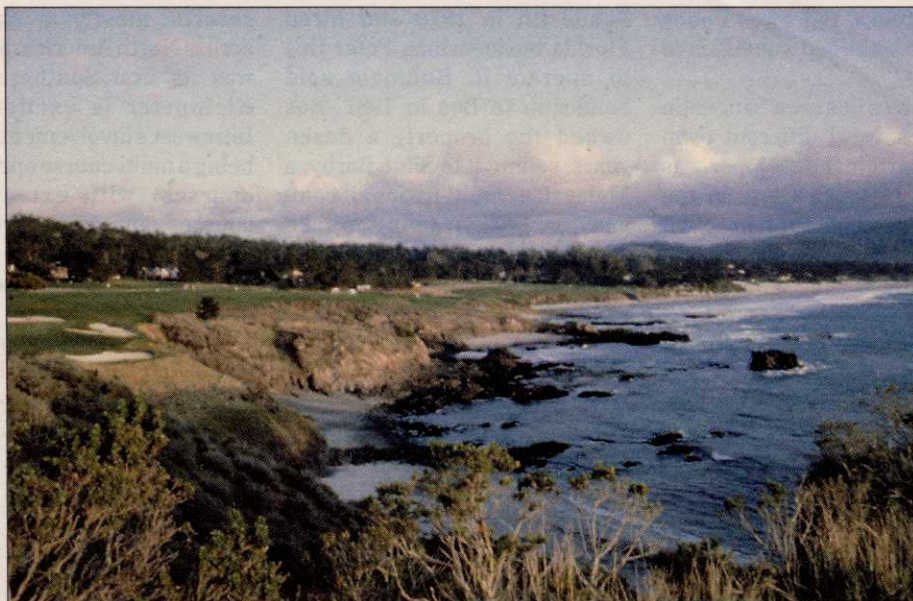
OSU and Agricultural Technical Institute. The OTF has donated more than \$3.3 million in research grants and more the \$300,000 in scholarships in its 40 years of support to the industry.

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 Greytak. "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 thing 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



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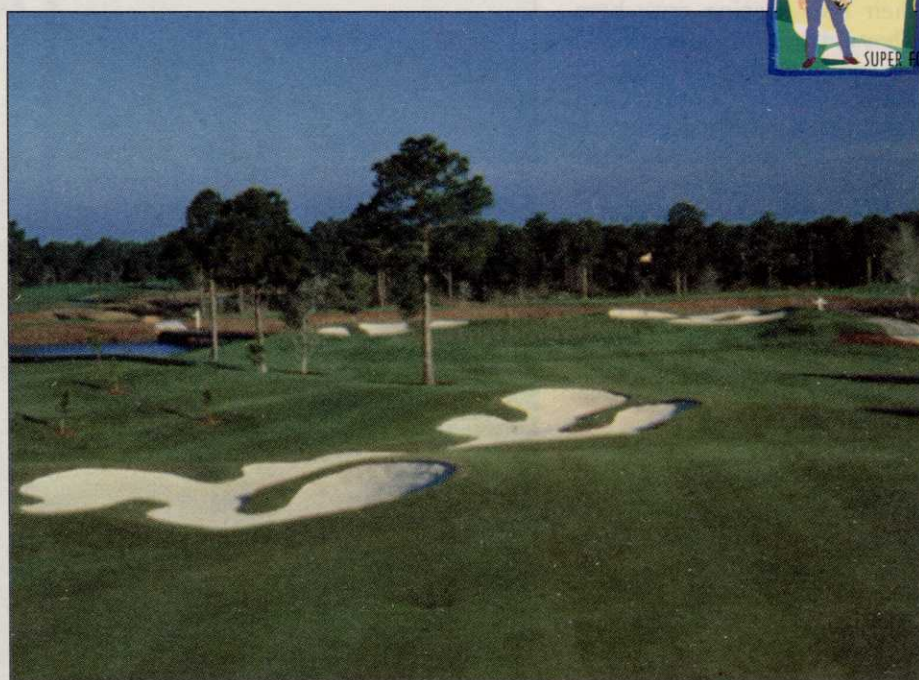
spade and transplanting trees all over the property," remembered Kleinpeter, who first joined Sandestin in October, 1973, as an equipment operator and landscape

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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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 Blaney 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.



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great holes on Rees' course."

The same can be said of Bobby's latest Raven layout.

"Raven" is a designation Intrawest — which owns and/or operates 19 courses throughout North America — attaches to only its premier layouts. Only

the Raven Golf Club of South Mountain (Phoenix) and Raven Golf Club at Sabino Springs (Tucson, Ariz.) carry the label. Jones' Sandestin course is the third and will be joined late this summer by Hurdzan/Fry-designed Raven Golf Club at Three Peaks (Silverthorne, Colo.).

The \$11.8-million Raven at Sandestin is the recreational centerpiece of the 2,400-acre, village-centered resort, which includes

three other courses — Burnt Pine and Tom Jackson-designed Links Golf Course and Baytowne Golf Club — a state-of-the-art golf learning center, 18-hole putting course, two waterfront restaurants, 730 rental units, 14 tennis courts, a 98-slip marina, four public swimming pools, 7.5 miles of beach and bay-front properties, and 33,000 square feet of meeting space. An ambitious \$400-million expansion plan calls for another

2,200 housing units and pedestrian village with shops, restaurants and other amenities.

The Raven Golf Club at Sandestin is actually a 19-hole course with two alternate par-3 16th holes — one measuring 228 yards and the other 172 yards — that will be used on alternating days. The two hole 16s were designed to accommodate housing along that area of the course, according to Jones'

associate Bruce Charlton.

"It made more sense to have two strong par-3s than a mediocre par-4," Charlton said.

Water comes into play on 13 holes, but there are forced carries on just holes 3 and 6, a 203-yard par-3 to an island green. The island green is just that, with a foot bridge spanning the pond surrounding the putting surface. Reclaimed water from the county wastewater treatment facility fills the ponds and provides the Raven's irrigation water.

More than 600 new tree plantings, along with native grasses, provide striking color changes throughout the course. Many bunkers are patterned after A.W. Tillinghast and Alister Mackenzie designs.

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session ladder which requires everyone in the company to say what positions they hope to hold in the future. The ladder covers five months, five years and 10 years down the road. That way [upper management] can tell employees what they can expect, what education they need, and what can be done to help them get to those places."

As for Kleinpeter, he hopes to become increasingly involved in course construction as Intrawest continues to build its portfolio. "I want to look at it from the aspect of the player, what Intrawest hopes to bring to a project and helping bridge the gap between the architect we've hired and what the company wants. I'd like to help Steve Adelson if we get busy enough... I'm ready to move around. If we were to get more courses in this part of the country, maybe I could become a regional agronomist."

The growth of companies, like Intrawest, is a good example of the consolidation taking place in the golf industry. While the trend has advantages in terms of resources and career opportunities, Kleinpeter hopes the cooperative atmosphere superintendents at neighboring courses have traditionally enjoyed doesn't disappear due to corporate competition.

"I haven't experienced it, yet," he said, "but I'm concerned that it could happen because of the [nature of the] corporate world. We don't get to see or talk to each other like we used to. The corporate world keeps us so busy doing reports that we [superintendents] have lost some of that contact with each other. I'll continue to try to keep in touch with the local guys. But I've been pulled away from that the last two years. It's real easy to do because you are so involved with your own company that you don't feel you have time to talk to the guys down the road. That bothers me a whole lot."