

## Strange invaders

**S**pend any amount of time on a golf course and you're bound to see some odd stuff.

However, our intrepid field agents are reporting back that real strange invaders are being reported on golf courses here and abroad.

Take, for example, reports that **wild hogs** ripped up a large chunk of the 14th green at Sebastian Municipal Golf Course in Sebastian, Fla.

Sunshine State wildlife experts report wild hogs, which can weigh as much as 750 pounds, are running roughshod in rural Florida areas, suburbs and even a few cities, digging up cemeteries, gardens and now golf courses.

That aint all folks. There were also reports of **PIRATES!**

That's right: Pirates. Apparently the staff at Royal North Devon Golf Club – touted as England's oldest golf course – recently found two passed-out pirates asleep in the back of a Land Rover that had run aground in a sand trap. How does that pirate tune go? “Yo, ho, ho and a (empty) bottle of rum?”

We wonder if, prior to their removal, the pirates and their vehicle constituted as a natural hazard?

Arrrrrr, matey.

Finally, GCI field agents report Dellwood Hills Golf Club Superintendent Eric H. Peterson has been plagued by some Pepe Le Pews tearing up his course.

According to Peterson, the furry black and white interlopers are sneaking onto his course at night and tearing up the turf to get at succulent Japanese beetle larvae. While the beetle problem is easy to treat, Peterson says the skunk situation, errr, is more of a stinker and will have to be dealt with more delicately.

So we asked Peterson, which invader would he rather have to deal with — **skunks**, wild hogs or pirates?

A good sport, Peterson responded: “At least you can serve the hog to your membership... what a great way to cut expenses.”



## SEPARATED AT BIRTH

Dr. Leah Brilman, dressed as host Jamie Hyneman of the television show MythBusters, debunked popular myths often heard by turf managers when they are considering the right seed for their project.

According to GCI agents, Brilman surprised even her co-workers when she gave her MythBusters presentation at Seed Research of Oregon's 2010 Seed Technology Camp.

Spirits and cameras were raised by Brilman's humorous impersonation.



\*Editor's note: item does not smell.

## ROLL CALL

**Dean Piller**, Cordova Bay Golf Course, Victoria, B.C., was named the winner of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association 2010 Superintendent of the Year Award.

**Bob Reynolds**, CGCS, Newport Country Club, is retiring after 33 years at the facility.

**Mark Esoda**, the certified golf course superintendent at Atlanta Country Club in Marietta, was inducted into the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame.

Billy Casper Golf promoted **Nick Keefe** to vice president of information technology, **Anthony Scala** to vice president and controller, **Sandra Colareta** to director of contracts and risk management and **Joel Gohlmann** to vice president of operations.

STIHL president **Fred J. Whyte** was elected chairman of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute board for 2011.

Enquatics, parent company of Aquamaster Fountains and Aerators, named **Dave E. Wasmer**, general manager of AquaMaster, as its new president. In addition, the company named **Gene P. Woelfel** chief financial officer/treasurer.

Stens added appointed **Dan Heeren**, vice president of sales and marketing; **Kevin Mair**, vice president of operations and supply chain management; and **Paul Hedinger**, senior product manager.

Dow AgroSciences has named **Jason Nelson** to the position of portfolio marketing leader for the Turf & Ornamental business division, and **Lee Conway** was named district sales manager responsible for overseeing the Eastern Turf & Ornamental sales district.

International Club Suppliers (ICS) named **Jill Wilde** its director of operations.

## Former GCSAA President Ted Woehrle dies

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**Ted Woehrle**, a longtime golf course superintendent at Oakland Hills Country Club and a member of the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame, died last month morning of complications from lymphoma. He was 78.

At Oakland Hills, Woehrle prepared the South course for five major championships over 24 years. He served as GCSAA president in 1977.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, sons Ted Jr., Bruce and Chris, daughter, Mary Smith, and seven grandchildren.

## Professional Turf Products loses co-founder

**Jim Sanders**, co-founder of Professional Turf Products, passed away Sept. 7.

"He stood by me when my young company and I needed his help and support the most," said Joe Barney, founder, Professional Turf Products. "Together... we built this business with dedicated hard work, by promoting effective products at fair prices to the professionals of the green industry. I thank God for bringing this true gentleman into my life. As most of you know, Jim was a Christian man with wonderful human values and honesty."

## “QUOTABLES

“Ray Charles could have seen it was a bunker.”

— Pete Dye, to a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reporter, about Dustin Johnson's controversial two-stroke penalty at the PGA Championship.