

will have to cancel my playing lesson."

3. Golf writer interviewing superintendent during course renovation: "How many inches do the greens sink each year after aerification?"

2. Golfer to irrigation technician while repairing a sprinkler head: "I thought the reason we installed an automatic system was

so it would never break or need repair."

And finally, my all time favorite, heard from a well-respected TV announcer at a major tournament:

1. "The green committee has gone too far this time, instructing the greenkeeper to install those fans around the greens to cool the members."

With gems like these to keep us amused on cold winter nights, it's probably not too much to ask us to have a sense of humor about ourselves, too.

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## An Airport, Augusta and Cake for Arnie

What do you get a man for his 70th birthday when he already has almost everything the golfing world has to offer?

If you're Arnold Palmer, people spring for a membership at Augusta and an airport, not to mention

new socks and underwear

Westmoreland County in Pennsylvania, which is home to Palmer's hometown of

Latrobe, renamed

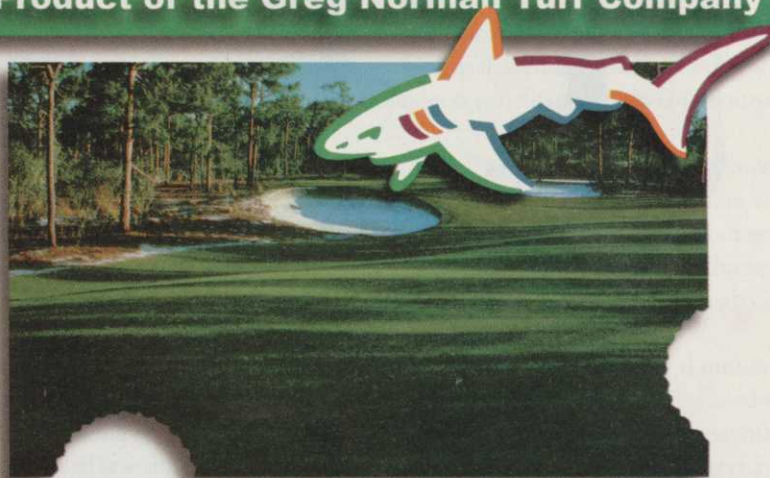
its airport to Arnold Palmer Regional Airport as its way of honoring the golfing legend who has brought such positive attention to Latrobe since he started playing the game at Latrobe CC in 1940.

On the same day, Augusta National GC awarded Palmer a full membership in the club, an honor that had eluded him since he won his first Masters (the first of four, by the way) in 1958.

Though it may have seemed that he owned the course through much of the 1960s, Palmer could still only play the course with a card-carrying member unless he was playing a tournament. Now, Augusta will deign to allow the golfing great to bring his own guests into the club and attend all club functions.

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