

# FarmLinks Maintenance Facility Destroyed

**T**he maintenance facility at FarmLinks Golf Club in Sylacauga, Ala., was a total loss after a fire devastated the building in the early morning hours of Wednesday, March 9th.

"Everyone is OK – no one was injured," Erle Fairly, president of FarmLinks, told *Golfdom*. "It's an unfortunate situation, but we'll rally the troops."

The Experience at FarmLinks hosts 1,200 superintendents every year. FarmLinks is well known in the

industry as a one-of-a-kind research and demonstration facility as well as a championship caliber golf course.

A fire inspector was investigating the damage as *Golfdom* went to press, but Fairly believed the fire was caused by a lightning strike.

Once again, the turf industry showed its class, Fairly said, as word was spreading about the fire.

"This industry is close-knit, there's been no shortage of support," he said. "Our partners, suppliers and superin-



tendents have all offered help. Courses are already lending us equipment." ■

## Two *Golfdom* Winners

**A**s the dust settled from the 2011 Golf Industry Show, *Golfdom* was able to make two more attendees quite happy with their trips to Orlando.

*Golfdom* notified Tim Kennelly, superintendent at Baltimore CC, and Sean Tully, superintendent at the Meadow Club in Fairfax, Calif., that they both won prizes for stopping by the *Golfdom* booth at the GIS. Kennelly won an expenses-paid trip to Pinehurst Resort for the first ever *Golfdom* Summit in November. Kennelly won a copy of the July, 1962 issue of *Golfdom* magazine, signed by Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus.

"Any time you get an opportunity to learn and improve yourself, you have to take it," Kennelly said of the *Golfdom* Summit ([www.golfdoms Summit.com](http://www.golfdoms Summit.com)), an invitation-only three-day event which will include presentations, case studies and meetings as well as a round of golf on Pinehurst No. 2. "I've heard a lot about the work (Bill) Coore and (Ben) Crenshaw have done on No. 2... I'm excited to see it!"

Tully, meanwhile, plans to display the autographed copy of *Golfdom* in his office. Coincidentally, Tully has a collection of old issues of *Golfdom*, with his oldest issue previously a copy from 1965 featuring the construction of Spyglass Hill.

"I'm glad you guys do things like (the giveaway), it's pretty exciting," Tully said. ■



## BASF, *Golfdom* Play Trivia for Charity

At the Golf Industry Show in Orlando, BASF Professional Turf & Ornamentals hosted a game show called "Superintendent Thousandaire." Superintendents competed for cash prizes, while BASF (represented by Tom Hill, communications manager, left) asked the turf media to participate for charity. *Golfdom*'s Seth Jones (right) missed his final question but still walked away with a donation to the Wee One Foundation ([www.weeone.org](http://www.weeone.org)) for \$1,900. ■



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