

# Penn Pals™ at The Merit Club



*Superintendent Oscar Miles and his crew on the No. 6 green, The Merit Club, Gurnee, IL*

## To be the perfect host for the 2000 U.S. Women's Open— Oscar Miles depends on the Penn Pals—as much as his people

When we seeded The Merit Club in 1990, the new Penn "A" and "G" bentgrasses were still in development, so we used PennLinks, the grass I'd had great success with in the past. PennLinks provides the consistent putting surfaces demanded for Championship standards, and will survive the short cut during the heat of summer, then remain healthy for member play after TV cameras and the 55th U.S. Women's Open are history.

Penneagle has been my choice for fairways since it was introduced in 1979. Penneagle was developed by Dr. Joe Duich for tight, upright growth; then with our low Nitrogen application of 2 lbs. per 7 month growing season, Penneagle does not

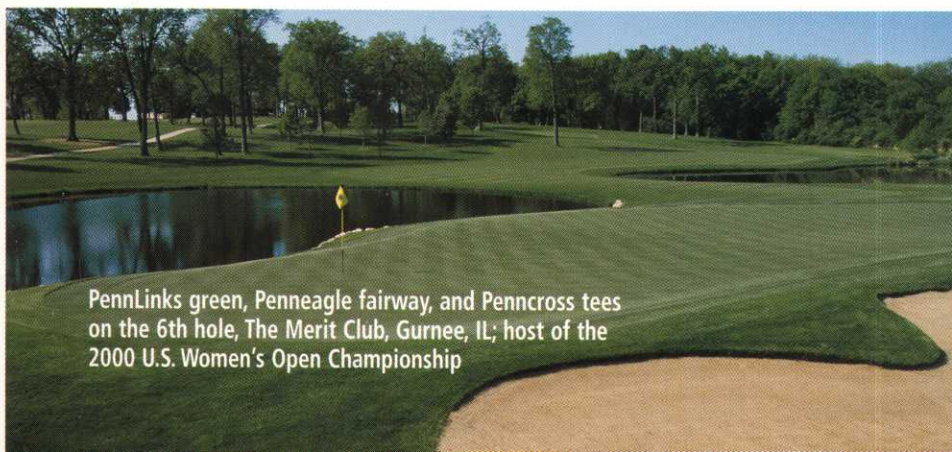
produce heavy thatch. Penneagle's resistance to dollar spot and *Poa annua* invasion make it an outstanding choice for our fairways.

Our tees are Penncross. What can I say about Penncross and its ability to recover from wear and divots that hasn't already been said?

Do I count on the Penn Pals to make The Merit Club look and play perfectly for the 2000 U.S. Women's Open? You bet I do. But then, where would I be without my crew behind me?"

*Oscar L. Miles*

Oscar Miles, CGCS



PennLinks green, Penneagle fairway, and Penncross tees on the 6th hole, The Merit Club, Gurnee, IL; host of the 2000 U.S. Women's Open Championship

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