
John Deere Team Championship

By Gordon Waddington

The much heralded John Deere Team championship was, once again, a proven quality tournament. The 3-day event was held November 21-24, 1991, at the Tournament Players Club in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Old Hickory Golf club was, by default, Wisconsin's entry this year.

We felt momentum going into the golf tournament, after being one of the four chosen in a \$20,000 drawing. Our prize was a \$2,500 gift certificate.

But, as the pressure rose, Old Hickory faded back. We finished "somewhere in the middle" of the 32 team scramble format.

The overall purpose of John Deere's format was to encourage camaraderie among fellow professionals. We all share in our enjoyment for the game of golf and for all that it has provided for us personally, professionally, and for the future of the industry.

At no time did we ever feel pressured to buy any John Deere products. Overall, our group left feeling personally rewarded by staying and golfing at one of the premiere resorts in the country.

Other highlights of the event included an evening poolside buffet, an old-fashioned southern style Bar-B-Q, bon-



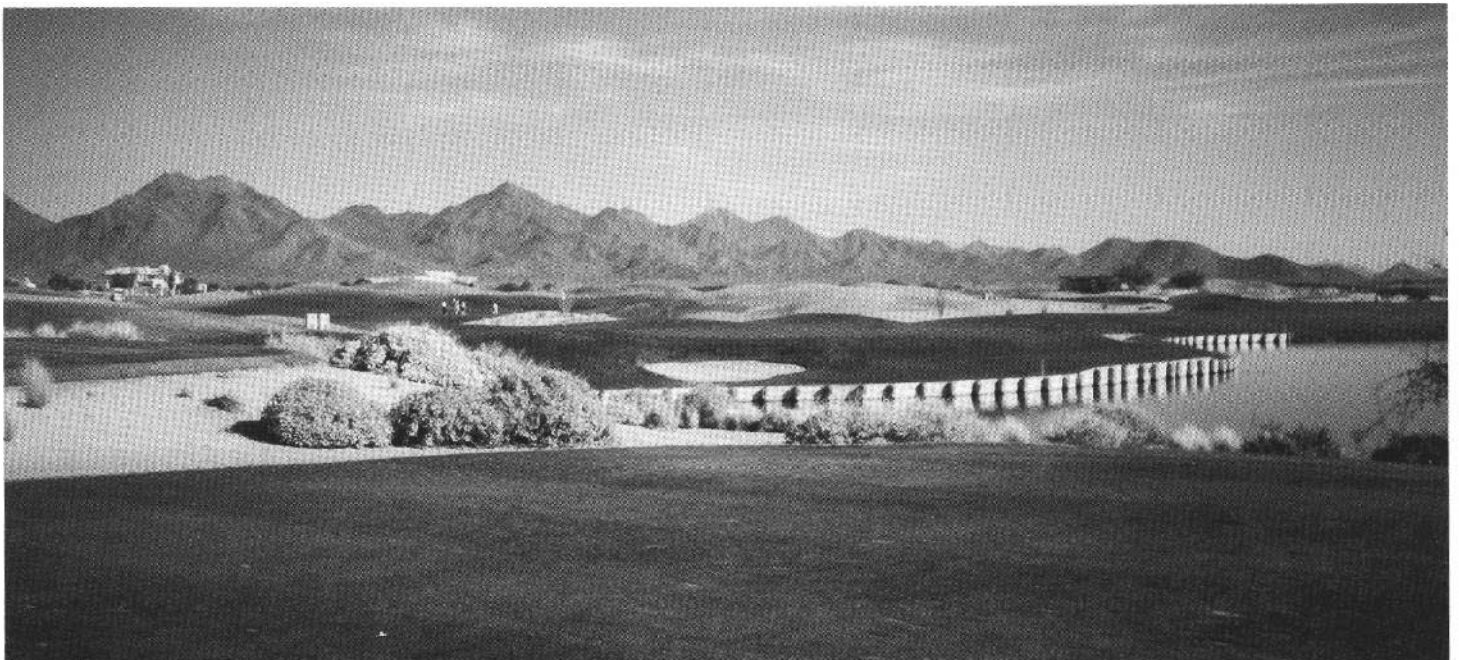
(From L to R) Ed Witkowski, Joe Stadler, Wayne Siegfried, Stephen Kaiser. Missing; Gordon Waddington, Superintendent.

fires with a country band playing, and a formal dinner with Dave Stockton as the featured speaker.

Besides being provided with great variations in breakfast buffets, we received complimentary on course lunches, un-

limited range balls, and great golf!

Much thanks should be extended to John Buck and Ed Witkowski of J.W. Turf for their contributions to our enjoyment. Thank you to Bill Frank and his Horicon Turf Division for their support.



The TPC course in Scottsdale.