

Membership Report

New Members: October 16, 2000

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RECLASSIFICATIONS

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Robert Traver
Majestic Oaks GC.....B to A--GCSAA

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Royal Wood G&CC.....C to B--GCSAA

*Submitted by Richard Traver, Jr., CGCS
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Infinity and Beyond--

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can also be applied to the auto industry will reach the market faster than optical disease sensors. "A lot of the technology to do these things exists now," Greif says.

"You have to balance the costs of how much it will take to bring a feature to market with how much the market will be willing to pay," Greif says. "Otherwise, your investment won't pay off."

Electric greens mowers with the same capabilities of current hydraulic mowers will become available soon, says Peter Whurr, vice president of product management for Textron Turf Care And Specialty Products. These new engines will address pollution issues and reduce noise.

"Alterations to the machine will allow for less noise and meet the ever-demanding emission standards put forward by legislative bodies across the land," Whurr says. "A gradual process of evolution is to be expected, but we're getting there."

Robert Maibusch, CGCS at Hindsdale GC in Clarendon Hills, Ill., says he's excited about everything he has heard about the new fuel cells for greens mowers.

"That would help superintendents located in environmentally sensitive areas," Maibusch says. "It would eliminate the noise and pollution problems, which are big issues in a lot of areas."

Whurr says future mowers will help superintendents save money on fuel costs, as well as being lower maintenance. Greg O'Heron, superintendent at Peterborough Golf & CC in Peterborough, Ontario, hopes it will happen soon.

"My ideal mower will provide maintenance-free onboard diagnostics and repair," O'Heron says. "Any repairs that are made will be transmitted to a central database so we can keep track of all the repairs done to the mowers."

John Deere's Greif and Toro's Ullrich believe that, with the exception of the electric power sources, it may be five to 10 years before superintendents see all the high-tech gadgets they want. And despite these advances, however, they shouldn't expect greens mowers to look like spaceships anytime soon, Textron's Whurr says.

"The machine's appearance will not change significantly," Whurr says. "Any changes to greens mowers should enhance the machinery to meet the ever-changing needs of the superintendents."

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