

ON THE TEE . . .

Congratulations to Jeff Granger on his new position. Moving to North Carolina, Jeff will assume his duties as Superintendent at Pinehurst, grooming #2 course into their transition of Bentgrass greens. Jeff will supervise the resodding of Bentgrass during the summer months while monitoring the appearance of the #6 course. Pinehurst has great plans for their courses and under the watchful eyes of someone called "Peacock," they should succeed. Our best go with you and your family. Write and give us the scoop. What's a tar-heel?

A friendly welcome is extended to Marty Nadenichek. Marty assumed the duties at Burning Tree Club on May 11th. Word has it he will be converting two fairways over to bentgrass as an experiment toward judging the feasibility of the grass for total renovation. Sounds good to me. Hope Tee to Green, Co. is listening to our production needs.

On a recent trip, I had the pleasure of meeting new colleagues. As we all discover in our travels, people have a lot in common. We talked about the usual, weather, courses, family. Problems seemed to be the same, even if priorities are a little different. Something out of the norm on this last trip, however, was the difficulty in relocating into a different part of the country. General consensus was that it was becoming increasingly difficult to move west or even get your resume read by one of the top clubs. While many reasons were bandied around, talk always came back to the hidden credentials that now seem to be essential to that goal. Hidden credential #1 is that you attended college in the north and #2 appears to be your access to a certain circle of educators employed by such institutions.

Well, anyone who's grown up and looked for a job knows that it's a combination of who you know and what you know that opens doors and makes opportunities available. It's a fact of life that without the right contacts you probably won't get your foot in the door. This is okay. We know the rule and we can live with it. We now, however, have the possible emergence of a circle of turf professors whose opinion is sought by many top-rated clubs. A defacto monopoly giving the nod to those they know and, by virtue of their not knowing, the axe to those they don't.

To those professors, a reminder. Your recommendation of an individual is valid as long as it is an objective one. To say he's the best in the business and should get the job is passing judgment on those candidates you don't know. It's a gross disservice to the industry as a whole and void of the responsibility you seek to teach.

Every ordinary Joe knows the tenant that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Such powerful deci-

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The pressure was on and talk was cheap at Chestnut Ridge CC as Superintendent's and Golf Pro's competed for the 5th Clare Emery trophy. The tournament proved exciting and course a good test of skills. For who couldn't make it or didn't catch all of the final results because they were still reliving that one shot, here's the run down.

Best Ball:

- 1st — Bob Orazi and John Haines, 65; Hunt Valley GC
- 2nd — Scott Wagner and Luther Showaker, 66; Leisure World of Md.
- 3rd — Tom Regan and Jim Folks, 66; Bethesda CC
- 4th — Scott Robinson and Russ Rose, 67;
- 5th — Ken Ingram and Jeff Zachman, 67; Columbia CC
- 6th — Ed Porterfield and Mike Winn, 68; Evergreen CC
- 7th — Mark Bertoldi and Larry Headd, 68; Chestnut Ridge CC
- 8th — Bob Jenkins and Rick Miller, 68; Carper's Valley GC
- 9th — Walter Montross and Quinn Sullivan, 68; Springfield G&CC
- 10th — Lou Rudinski and Bob Fretwell, 69; Eisenhower GC
- 11th — Steve Cohoon and Mark Guttenberg, 69; Penderbrook GC

Closest to the Hole:

- Tom Regan, Bethesda CC
Barry Gilbert, Bowie G&CC
Bob Miller, Suburban Club
Ed Porterfield, Evergreen GC

Longest Drive:

- Superintendents — Scott "Boomin" Wagner, Leisure World
Professionals — Jeff Zachman, Columbia CC

sions made without regard to the responsibilities they entail could easily corrupt the profession and industry. It could also provide a class full of students interested in who you now and not what you know, not to mention all those little red apples for the teacher.

The MAAGCS River cruise June 6 is nearing, with departure set for 6:30 p.m. from Pier 4 (6th & Water St., S.W., Wash.). That the cruise was sold out almost immediately indicates everyone is planning on a fun evening of dancing and dining — and not necessarily in that order. A word of caution to those of us who habitually run late — if you're not going to make it on time, bring your swimsuit and flippers, no sliding in unnoticed this time! GER

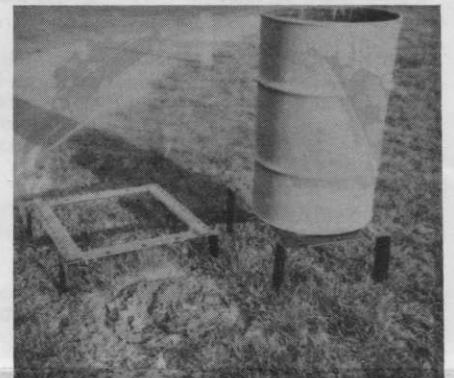
PFAFFLIN IN JUNE

by Steve Cohoon

The hot, humid summer weather is fast approaching and our courses will soon be turning various shades of purple and white, from wilt and disease. The members will be complaining that the sprinklers are always on the hole they're playing and the crew will be saying that not only is it too hot to work, but they're underpaid too.

The entire golf operation is under the most stress it will face all year so why should you be any different. The stress is so great that you threaten to get out of the business, drink heavily, or just go crazy (or any combination of the three). You need to find a way to minimize or at least deal with all of this stress — that's where Jim Pfaflin steps in.

Jim returns to address our association as guest speaker this month. He will hopefully point out how we can better manage our own personal affairs which ultimately affect stress factors positively or negatively to everything around us — family, friends, work and even ourselves. Jim offers fresh ideas, rethinks old ones and all are very useful in our lives. So, leave all of your stresses at the course for a day and come hear how to deal with the pressure of summer. It may make your summer a more enjoyable one.



Tip of the Month

For the last couple of years we have been saving our old bedknives. This winter we found a good use for some of them. We heated the ends of the large bedknives — F-10, Parkmaster and rough unit — and bent them at 90 degree angles on each end. We then welded two small bedknives to the top of the ones we bent. After a couple of coats of paint they make nice racks for our trash cans. It keeps from killing the turf under the cans and also keeps the bottoms of the cans from rusting out.

This tip was donated by Nick Vance, Superintendent at Laytonville Golf Course. A \$25 bond will be awarded for this contribution. Mail your tip to the editor.