

## Industry News

### John Deere/Finch Turf Tourney

1998 John Deere/Finch Turf Equipment Team Tournament Invitations and entry forms have been sent out for the 12th Annual John Deere/Finch Turf Equipment Regional Team Championship Tournament. The first tournament will be hosted by Superintendent Scott Reeside on September 23, 1998 at the Worthington Manor Golf Club in Urbana, Maryland. Springwood Golf Club in York, Pennsylvania is the site of the second tournament, hosted by superintendent Dan Stees. This event will be on October 2, 1998. Both golf courses are Ault-Clark designs opening earlier this year.

The two winning regional teams will qualify for the National Championship in Scottsdale, Arizona, November 12-15, 1998. Your team must consist of the Superintendent, President, General Manager and Golf Professional. The superintendent must be a member of GCSAA in order to advance to the national event. The format is a modified scramble with limits on the team handicaps. Each tour-

namment will have a thirty-two team limit.

Deere and Company's Golf and Turf Division will be donating twenty dollars per team to the North American GCSAA Foundations for participants in our regional qualifier. To date the turf division has donated over \$132,000 to this fund.

### Footjoy and Softspikes Ask for Superintendent Input

Footjoy and Softspikes, Inc. have partnered to launch a new interactive bulletin board - [www.fjss.com](http://www.fjss.com). They hope to foster discussions pertaining to alternative golf cleat and molded outsole issues. Footjoy and Softspikes, Inc. will be monitoring the conversations posted on the bulletin board to gain a greater understanding of the issues and ideas put forth by the golf course superintendent's, leading to the development of improved products from a golf footwear and alternative golf cleat standpoint. The site is password-protected. To access the site you will need to use the following Password and User ID: root.

### Texas A & M Looking for Fairy Ring Samples

Texas A & M University is collecting and cataloguing the fungi associated with fairy ring. This will be used to develop an identification database for future research efforts. Dr. Colbaugh is requesting samples of fairy ring fungi from superintendents across the United States. Please send samples to:

Dr. Phil Colbaugh  
Texas A & M University at Dallas  
Research & Education Center  
17360 Coit Rd.  
Dallas, Texas 75252  
Phone: 972-231-5362  
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