

Kip Makes Sales Sparkle

PEABODY — It was the first day of Kip Tyler's life, that is, the first day of his life as integral part of the 32nd United States Open Championship. The long wait was over, at last the USGA's major championship had come to call on the Salem Country Club.

The layout, its superintendent (Tyler) and the folks who know what Salem is all about were there in all the splendor of a first class operation. Indeed, day one of the year's top tournament had been one of fulfillment for all involved in the production.

"I think they like it," Tyler said of the impeccably groomed 6,205 yard track. "We've had nothing but compliments. That's good. That makes my day and the last two years getting ready for this."

They call the par-breakers on the LPCA Tour, "the ladies in red" because the numbers of players scoring better than par are recorded in red. After the opening round, there was only one - Amy Alcott at 71.

Sometimes the lack of sub-par shooters is a reflection on the condition of the course. But not at Salem.

"We didn't beef it up much," Tyler responded to the suggestion trickery was being played on the ladies. "In fact, the cut of the green is the same as it is for our members - 5/32nds of an inch."

Tyler, in fact, was overwhelmed by the favorable reaction from the gals.

"Juli Inkster (sure thing for LPCA rookie of the year honors) shot an 80," Kip told. "But she had nothing but praise for the course. It's fair but it's a solid test of golf."

Of course, it's one thing to be tough which is how the Donald Ross designed layout plays. But if scraggy conditions accompany architectural toughness, it can be hell.

This is why it was vital that Tyler and his crew deliver a finished product second to none for the Women's Open.

It wasn't all lollipops and roses, either.

"We worked out a big sweat and burned the midnight oil," Tyler described the final weeks of preparation. "It was 10 to 15 hours a day, seven days a week right up to teeoff. Hey, my crew was making more money than I was with all that overtime."

Predictably, Tyler steered a straight and steady ship.

"The only real problem and one we'll be concerned with all through the tournament is vandal related," he disclosed. "A month ago someone got on the fifth green with a car and tipped it up. So, we're keeping our fingers crossed against a repeat."

The first round also gave Kip a chance to renew a friendship with one of the competitors - amateur Joan Ellis of Tampa.

"I was in Tulsa for last year's Open," Tyler explained. "And I caddied for Joan in the practice round. Her regular caddy was en route, so I volunteered to carry her clubs."

"It also helped in my observation of an Open course. It gave me a perspective of the course from the player's standpoint which I put to use at Salem this year."

As it turned out, Ellis shot an even par 72 on opening day and topped off her performance with a hole in one.

"How about that?" Tyler gushed. "I guess all that in-

struction I gave her last year paid off. But par is a good score here. This just adds to the excitement for me."

Two futures occupied much of Tyler's attention as the tournament gathered steam and headed for its conclusion.

"I just can't get used to holding back on watering," he sighed. "I know that's what the USSA wants, though. The greens will be slick for television (last two rounds by ADC).

"But I hate the thought of having to see the course take on a brown tinge because of it. You look at it now and the color is just great. However, we're here to give them what they want."

And the aftermath?

"That will be my next assignment," Kip replied. "Making quick repairs and getting the course back into shape for my members. It will have taken a beating, but we'll be on it almost from the moment the final shot is played."

Everything was in the bank (as they say) at Salem in the height of a major golf championship. And why not? They had to be. Kip Tyler was in control - the golf course superintendent was doing a triple A rated job ... again.

Gerry Finn

August Meeting

Tuesday, August 7, 1984

Concord Country Club

Concord, MA

Directors Meeting - 10 am

Membership Meeting - 11 am

Educational Program - Paul Lopes,

Norfolk County Extension Service

Lunch - 12 noon

Golf - 1 pm

Hors D'oeuvres - after golf

Host - Narry Sperandio

Narry is in his 40th year at Concord. Prior to that he was superintendent at Marlboro CC for ten years. He got his start working on a golf course in 1927 bringing his total years on a course to 57, an amazing feat.

Narry has been a very active member of GCSANE having served as president in 1961 and 1962. He and his wife, Phyllis have two children and four grandchildren and reside in Concord. We're all looking forward to August 7th.

Directions: From Boston - Rt. 128 to Rt. 2 west to Concord, at Emerson Hospital at lights take a left. Club will be on the right.

Golf Course Superintendents Association

Baldock, Cornish Named NGF Outstanding Service Award Winners

NORTH PALM BEACH, Fla. — Two veteran golf course architects, Bob Baldock and Geoffrey Cornish, who have plied their professions on opposite sides of the continent and contributed much more than their immense talents to the game, have been named the latest recipients of the National Golf Foundation's Outstanding Service Award.

The award honors those who have "provided continuous and exceptional service to golf, the people who play the game and the environment in which it is played."

Baldock, 75, of Costa Mesa, Calif., and Cornish, 70, of Amherst, Mass., will be honored, along with Lionel Callaway, the first 1984 recipient, at the Foundation's Golf Management Workshop at the Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, W.Va. Oct. 28-31.

Responsible for the design of some 600 golf courses in their concurrent careers and both still active, Baldock and Cornish are eminently eligible for acclaim on accomplishments alone. But their selection is based more upon "service far beyond the call," according to NGF Executive Director Joe Much, who administers the awards program.

"There are scores of golf courses in the rural and small towns West which very likely would not be there had it not been for Bob Baldock," Much said. "Very often his service went past design, construction and early maintenance to community service and to a commitment to the game and the players that involved financial sacrifice on his part."

For example, Baldock donated architectural services to Veterans Administration Hospitals in California, Kentucky, Maine and Oregon. He designed Air Force Base golf courses in a dozen states and was responsible for delivering a 7,000-yard layout to servicemen at Vandenberg AFB in California at the incredible price of \$24,000 in 1959.

Cornish arrived in golf after an education in agronomy at the Universities of British Columbia and Massachusetts and has been New England's most active architect since the early 1950s. Like Baldock, his design credits are "too numerous to mention" but his ancillary activities have done even more to enrich American golf history.

Cornish's crowning achievement may be his magnificent book, "The Golf Course," on which he collaborated with Ronald E. Whitten. The product of exhaustive research, the tome is a coffee table necessity for every golf buff. More than a history of golf course architecture, the abundantly-illustrated work lists all golf course architects who have labored in this country and all their courses.

The author or co-author of many design and turfgrass management articles and manuals, Cornish was given the Distinguished Service Award of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in 1981.

Safety and Clean Up Tips

R. G. Van Driesche

Pesticide Safety Tips

1. Always read the label before buying or using pesticides. Use pesticides only for the purpose(s) listed and in the manner directed.
2. Do not apply more than the specified amount of pesticide. Overdoses can harm you and the environment.
3. Keep pesticides away from food and dishes.
4. Keep children and pets away from pesticides and sprayed areas.
5. Do not smoke while spraying.

6. Avoid inhalation of pesticides.
7. Never spray outdoors on a windy day.
8. Pesticides that require special protective clothing or equipment should be used only by trained, experienced applicators.
9. If you mix pesticides, do it carefully to avoid splashing.
10. Avoid breaks or spills of pesticide containers.
11. If you spill a pesticide on your skin or on your clothing, wash with soap and water and change your clothing immediately.
12. Store pesticides under lock in the original containers with proper labels. Never transfer a pesticide to a container, such as a soft drink bottle, that would attract children.
13. Dispose of empty containers safely. Wrap single containers of home-use products in several layers of newspaper, tie securely and place in a covered trash can. Never burn boxes or sacks. In case of farm or ranch use, single containers may be buried where water supplies will not be contaminated. Dispose of large quantities in special incinerators or special landfills.
14. Wash with soap and water after using pesticides, and launder your clothes before wearing them again.
15. If someone swallows a pesticide, check the label for first aid treatment. Call or go to the doctor or the hospital immediately and keep the pesticide label with you.

How To Clean Up Spilled Pesticides Around the Home

From time to time pesticides are spilled in or around the home. A common example would be the bottle of garden insecticide that is knocked off a shelf in the basement and breaks on concrete floor. Cleaning up such spills and ridding the house of the odor may be done as follows:

1. Soak up the spill with a solid absorbent material such as kitty litter, sawdust or even towels. Do not allow the pesticide to get on your skin. Wear gloves.
2. The best absorbent is activated charcoal. This binds to chemicals much more strongly than substances like kitty litter which is merely absorbent. Activated charcoal is expensive, but is useful. It can be purchased at tropical fish stores.
3. After the spill has been soaked up, charcoal or sawdust etc., may be pushed into a paper bag with a stick and put in the trash. Don't use your household broom.
4. The floor area of the spill can then be washed with detergent (wear gloves!) and allowed to dry.
5. Finally the area can be sealed with paint or varnish to close off any remaining pesticide and to reduce odors.
6. Ventilating with a fan, plus raising the room's temperature (prior to sealing the floor surface) can also be used to draw off odors more rapidly.
7. Contaminated fabrics such as rugs, drapes, clothing must either be washed thoroughly several times, or be disposed of. If washed, use hot water and detergent. Wash the item by itself. Rugs may be washed in place.
8. All pesticide contaminated trash should be wrapped carefully in plastic bags or something else to protect the trash collector from skin contact with the material.

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Climatological Summary January-June, 1984

The winter of 1983-1984, December through February, ended up with temperatures averaging above normal by 1.7 degrees. But, the record warmth of February was followed by the coldest March since 1960. This was only the third time during the past one hundred years that March averaged colder than did February, and, it was the first time in one hundred and fifty years that it did so by more than 5 degrees!

The extreme temperatures for the winter included the lowest reading of -6 degrees on Christmas Day with that day averaging 28 degrees below the normal, (see early winter described in February, 1984, Newsletter). A maximum temperature of 62 degrees on February 25th was the highest reading of the winter, but it was not a record. In fact, despite February's record warmth, only one daily record high temperature reading was recorded.

The total snowfall for the winter was 33.7 inches and that was 9 inches below average. Only a few moderate size snowfalls occurred with the greatest being 9 inches on January 10th-11th. February was virtually a snowless month with but 0.6 of an inch and the only February to have less snow was in 1937 when there was 0.4 of an inch. The greatest depth on the ground reached 13 inches on the 19th and 20th of January.

A peak wind gust of 89 MPH from the SSE was recorded on December 28th. January's lack of unusual storms resulted in the lowest monthly wind average for that month in at least the past 30 years. The average of only 12.6 MPH was far below the norm of 17.4 MPH.

A very cold month, March, 1984, averaged only 29.5 degrees (24 hour mean), or more than 5 degrees below normal. Two daily cold temperature records were established with a minimum of 2 degrees on the 10th, and, a low maximum temperature record of 20 degrees on the 9th. A heavy ice storm occurred on March 18th and 19th with 0.7 to 1.1 inch thick glaze coating all exposed surfaces at the summit of Blue Hill. Over one and a quarter inches of freezing rain and ice pellets occurred with temperatures remaining below the freezing point. Our anemometers were frozen up for about 12 hours.

A monstrous storm of heavy, wet snow with wind gusts of hurricane force struck on March 29th knocking our electric power to several hundred thousand customers in the local suburbs. Power was out for several days in some areas and this storm was termed the most damaging of its kind since 1969. Wind gusts frequently reached 75 to 85 MPH at the Observatory with a peak gust of 108 MPH from the ENE which was the highest gust recorded since the famous "Blizzard of 1978." Power was knocked out at Blue Hill for 18 hours and many large pine trees were uprooted as 15 inches of snow fell.

The snow was very wet with a water content of 3 inches and the weight of the snow coupled with the high winds brought down trees and wires throughout this area.

February with 7.80 inches of rain and March with 9.00 inches of melted snow and rain was resulting in local flooding conditions as over 1 inch of rain fell during the first week of April. The remainder of April was quite normal in terms of temperature and precipitation.

By the end of May there was again heavy precipitation, this time in the form of flooding rains which counted up to 5 inches on the 31st. The monthly total of 9.14 inches was just 0.02 of an inch shy of the all-time wettest May. As a result, spring, 1984, (March, April and May) turned out to break another record with 2.48 inches of precipitation exceeding a record of 20.92 inches set just one year ago.

The highlight of June's weather was a four day heat wave with maximum temperatures in the 90's from June 8-11th. A total of 10 records were either tied or broken and it was only our 2nd day heat wave on record for the month of June. The previous four day 90 degree heat wave occurred way back in 1925, the 3rd thru the 6th. On June 13th, 1984, the maximum temperature again reached the 90 degree mark with a reading of 92. This is only the 2nd occurrence of 5 ninety degree days during June going back 100 years to the beginning of our record. The previous occurrence was during June, 1923.

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Date To Remember: September 10 GCSANE Monthly Meeting Format:

10:30 AM Business Meeting
11:00 AM Regular Meeting
Noon: Buffet Lunch
1:00 PM Shotgun

Location:

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More information to follow!

July Meeting Results

We had a great turnout for our July meeting at Worcester Country Club. The course was in fine shape. Our thanks to Mike Nagle and Worcester CC for being our hosts.

The superintendent 1984 champion - Kenny Mooridian, Hoperdale CC

Sales Division 1984 Champion - Larry Bunn, TPC



Dr. Skogley of URI, our May Educational Program guest speaker.

DIVOT DRIFT ... what a difference a year makes. Last year no rain, this year rain, rain and more rain In winning the sales division championship Larry Bunn proved that last year was a big fluke when Bob "Chopper" Brown won. Larry has already predicted he and his partner Steve Butler of Larchmont, will club Brown and his partner into submission for the team of two championships... One of the finest putting strokes around has to belong to Steve Murphy. He's a happy guy anytime he 2 putts from 3 feet Finally, our thanks to Greg Pagano of Mobay for his presentation at Worcester.

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