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109th Trans-Mississippi Championship UC-Davis' Raber Stands Tall at Oak Tree





Dear Trans-Miss Supporters,

We certainly found out last month that golf is “an outdoor sport”! The 109th Trans-Mississippi Championship was held at the fabulous Oak Tree National in the middle of July during a spell of extreme heat. Actually, we were fortunate to catch a few days with highs only in the 90s.

My fellow directors and I came away from our 2012 championship with two impressions: 1) our contestants are athletes in the truest sense having survived and played well in challenging conditions on one of America’s most difficult courses, and 2) our new partnership with TaylorMade-Adidas Golf has and will bring many positives to the Trans-Miss and its players.

Our sincere thanks go to the ownership, management and members of Oak Tree National for hosting our premier event this year. You had the red carpet out for us! Josh Cook, your golf course superintendent, had the golf course in perfect condition despite the challenging conditions presented by the heat. The 2014 U.S. Senior Open will be played there during the same week of July – those picky seniors will have nothing to complain about when it comes to the golf course!

One hundred fifty five players from throughout the country comprised our 2012 championship field. We even had six international players. Our website (www.trans-miss.com) has all of the results, including hole-by-hole statistics for each round, and you will see what a strong field determined our champion Tyler Raber of California. The championship came down to the 71st

and 72nd hole as Tyler managed a one-stroke victory over Steven Ihms of Iowa. We know there were several future stars in our midst, including 14 year-old Brad Dalke of Texas. He got everyone’s attention with an opening round four-under par 67. Please enjoy the story of the championship on the following pages of this edition of the Transcript.

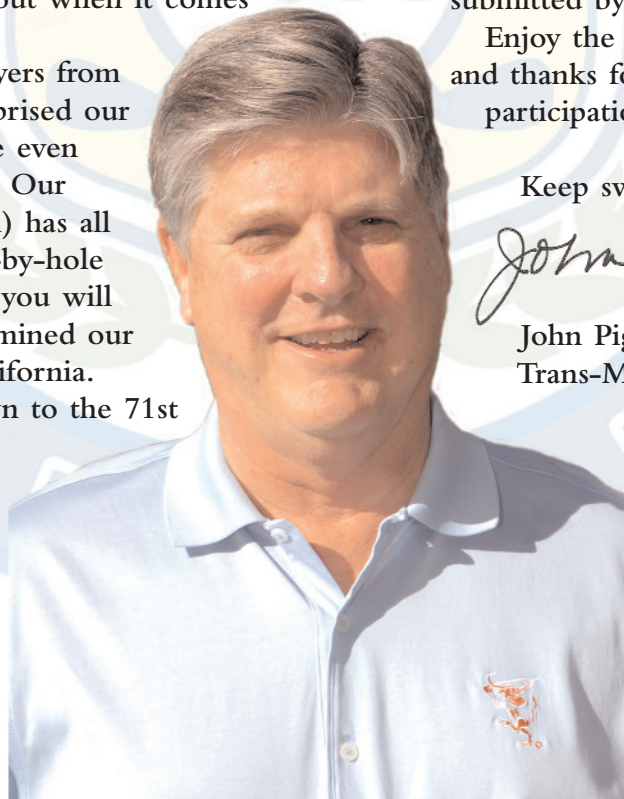
Several TaylorMade-Adidas Golf executives and staff members were on site as either players, equipment consultants, observers and in the case of Sean Toulon (company executive vice president) as a caddie (for son Joey). The Trans-Miss is beyond excited and grateful for this partnership. Our championship has a bright future with their help reaching out to players.

The Trans-Miss has one more event for this year; the Trans-Miss Four-Ball Championship, October 15-18 at the amazing Bandon Dunes Golf Resort. If you are age 25 or over, get a partner and come join the fun and experience the beauty of Bandon Dunes. Entry forms are available at www.trans-miss.com and must be submitted by September 24th.

Enjoy the rest of your golf season and thanks for your support and participation!

Keep swinging,

John Pigg
Trans-Miss President



109th Trans-Mississippi Championship

Survivor Oak Tree

Thirty-six holes of competitive golf in a single day are plenty to challenge even the best of players. Walk those holes in triple-digit Oklahoma summer temperatures on a Pete Dye layout and you have a recipe for golf's version of "survival of the fittest."

Survivor at the 109th Trans-Mississippi Championship presented by TaylorMade-Adidas Golf: UC-Davis' Tyler Raber.

Raber, a red shirt senior this fall at the Mountain West school playing in his first Trans, overcame the challenges in front of him at Oak Tree National Golf Club in mid-July, shooting one of only two under-par scores for the four rounds, and walked away with one of the more coveted trophies in amateur golf.

"Getting to hold the perpetual trophy and take a few pictures and just sort of look through some of the names," said El Macero, Calif.'s Raber, whose 2-under 282 edged the University of Iowa's Steven

Ihm by a single shot in what became a final-round battle of two talented collegians. "I saw Jack Nicklaus on there twice. I saw Bob Tway. I know some very successful players have won this tournament and gone on to do great things. Obviously last year's winner, Kelly Kraft, won (this event) and went on to win the U.S. Amateur. Clearly, winning this tournament is a big deal. It's a great experience and it's definitely something I'll always remember."

Raber, Ihm go low in second round

With pleasant conditions including surprisingly little wind, the 22-year-old Raber turned in a 6-under 65 for his morning second round at Oak Tree after opening with a 1-under 70. Starting on No. 10, Raber made five backside birdies in shooting a 30. He added three more birdies against a pair of bogeys on the front side.



“It was nice to play in that second group the second day,” said Raber, an American Studies student at UC-Davis. “The greens were perfect. You’re going out there, nobody’s been on them yet. They’re perfect. I got on a little roll. I birdied 13, 14, 15 and 16 on the backside, my first nine holes. That just set the tone for the rest of the day. I just kind of kept feeding of that momentum. I had a couple of blips at 3 and 4...but got them back with some birdies at 5 and 7. It was just one of those days I made everything I looked at. I hit the ball really well...hit it close all day.”

His 7-under 135 after two rounds took the clubhouse lead and it held up the remainder of the day.

“I thought maybe somebody would get to that number, within one or maybe one better,” Raber said of taking the lead early on the second day.

That moved Raber into the final grouping for 36 holes on the grueling third day. Joining him were Texas ninth-grader Brad Dalke, who shared the first-round lead with a 4-under 67 and added 69 in round two, and Ihm, fresh off the Championship’s low round, an 8-under 63 to move him to 4-under 138.

“The first day I fought (my) swing a little bit... I went to the range and worked it out in about five minutes,” said Peosta, Iowa’s Ihm, 20 and playing in his first Trans. “The next day I came out and obviously played pretty well, shot 8-under with no bogeys and just had a solid ball-striking round. The wind was down and it was fairly score-able as long as you were hitting shots on line and you could gauge your distances right. It was very get-able.”

Final nine becomes two-man race

Raber had a birdie on the par-4 sixth hole and a bogey on No. 9 in a front-nine 36 to open the third round. But he struggled on the back side, making four bogeys in a closing 39 and the resulting 75 left

him a shot off the lead, now held by the University of Arkansas’ Austin Cook. Cook managed an even-par 71 as Oak Tree bit back in the third-round.

“That (third) round was sort of like the first day... I was making a lot of pars,” Raber said. “I had a lot of good looks for birdie, but I had a hard time getting the ball to the hole. I left a lot of putts short that were right in the heart. ...three-putted 17 and 18 for bogeys, kind of a rough way to finish.”

Under a scorching Oklahoma sun, the fourth round at Oak Tree began to feel like the fourth round at a major championship as scores began to back up. Raber shot a 1-over 37 on the front nine, but he found himself tied with Ihm at the top at 3-under-par for the Championship when the former rolled in a 10-footer for birdie at the par-4 10th.

In what had become a two-man race, Ihm regained the lead with a 10-footer of his own at the next hole. Both players missed the green and made bogey at the par-4 12th. The Iowa golfer drove in the trees on the par-4 15th and had to pitch out. His resulting bogey left the two tied again, this time at 2-under.

When Ihm missed the green left at the par-3 17th and made bogey, Raber again seized the lead. Raber two-putted from more than 40 feet at 17 for par and then got up and down from right of No. 18, sinking a 6-foot par putt to secure the title.

“(At 17) I had basically the same putt from the previous round, only going the other direction,” said Raber, who didn’t know at the time his putt at 18 was for a championship. “I knew if I hit that putt I was going to beat Steven. Because I knew I was one ahead of him going into that hole. I knew there were more and more people showing up to watch us the last four holes so I thought the guys ahead of us must not be doing much.”

Ihm, a junior this fall studying business marketing at Iowa, finished with a 73 in the final round. Having opened with a 75 and shot 1-over 72 in the third



round his 1-under 283 was the only other score in red figures for the Championship and gave him solo second place.

Jonesboro, Ark.'s Cook shot a 76 in the final round and his 285 secured third place overall. That was one shot better than Durban, South Africa's Calvin Pearson of Wichita State (69-72-76-69—286), who posted the low score of the final round by three shots.

Texas A&M's Andrew Lister tied for fifth at 287 and his third-round 69 included a hole in one at the 142-yard, par-3 13th. University of Kansas golfer Chris Gilbert aced the 185-yard, par-3 fourth hole during the final round.

Coffman only mid-am left standing

In keeping with the "Survivor" theme, Oklahoma City mid-am Jeff Coffman took that to the nth degree during this year's Trans Championship. The 30-year-old Coffman was the only player in his division to complete four rounds at Oak Tree, including a pair of 76s on that long final day. He and Iowa's Mike McCoy made the cut, but McCoy was forced to withdrawal in the fourth round with a neck injury leaving the division title to Coffman, who'd opened the Championship just a shot off the lead with a 68.

"Obviously I'm very excited. After that first round, I kind of had a little higher expectations than that, but that just didn't quite work out," said Coffman, playing out of Lake Hefner Golf Club. "But any time you can win your division and beat however many other mid-ams that were there, that are great players from across the nation, I'm very excited. I'm kind of hoping to continue with this momentum through the summer."

Playing in his second Trans, Coffman gained those higher expectations very quickly at Oak Tree when he birdied four holes in a five-hole stretch to close out the front nine during the first round. He added

a 36 on the back side and his 68 trailed the co-leaders by one stroke.

"I was just hitting some good iron shots to with 15, 18 feet and kind of got on a little streak there," said Coffman, who would reach the semifinals at the Oklahoma State Amateur Championship the following week at Tulsa's Southern Hills. "I was hitting the irons pin high... I just had good numbers on that front side, good clubs, good yardages and I hit a few good shots and made a few putts."

Coffman, involved in his family's embroidery business, came back a little on the second day, shooting a 41 on Oak Tree's back nine, his first of the day. But he rallied with birdies at Nos. 4, 5 and 6 to salvage a 75 on the day.

"It was just a bad start. I really didn't know which way it was going off the tee on that back side for some reason," admitted Coffman, who reached second round of match play at the 2009 Trans at Flint Hills National. "I was missing right. I was missing left. If you get out of position on that golf course it's not going to be very favorable to you. I knew I needed a good nine holes coming in there to keep pace little bit. It was nice to come in a couple under on that (front) side."

Dalke sooner than later

Youth was served at the 2012 Trans Championship. Perhaps to a degree the event has never seen before as McKinney, Texas 14-year-old Brad Dalke opened with a 4-under 67 to share the first-round lead and continued to be a major player deep into the event.

Dalke, steeped in University of Oklahoma tradition and already committed to play golf at the Big 12 school, added rounds of 2-under 69 and 75 before finally falling from contention in the final round with a 78. His 5-over 289 total tied for eighth place.

"I was really excited about the first two days.



I played solid,” said Dalke, a Jim McLean Junior Academy student who’ll be a ninth grader this fall. “The second day especially...I felt like I came back a little bit. I feel really good about it. When I got through with the 18th hole (in the final round) I wouldn’t have thought I would tie for eighth shooting a 78. (The course) was just playing really tough for everybody. I’m really happy though. All these guys are good. They’re big-college players and I’m happy with the way I finished.”

Dalke, whose grandfather played basketball at OU, father was a Sooner linebacker in the ‘70s and mother

was the first female golf scholarship recipient at the school, shocked the talented Trans field in the first round with his 67 to tie the Sooners’ Riley Pumphrey at the top of the leader board. Dalke made three birdies and shot 32 on Oak Tree’s back nine. “The front nine I played really solid. I bogeyed (No. 4) but that’s a tough hole and shot 1-under on the front,” Dalke said. “The back nine, I started off good on (No. 10)...made about a 15-footer for birdie and that kind of started it. I was hitting a lot of shots close. It could have been really low...I had a lot of lip-outs and didn’t miss many greens.”



Top row Ian Vandersee, Austin Cook, Steven Ihm, Joe Doramus, Steven Ihm
 Second row Joseph Winslow, Austin Cook, Tyler Raber, Joseph Winslow
 Third row Brad Dalke, Tyler Raber, Joe Doramus



Final Results

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
Tyler Raber, El Macero, CA	70	65	75	72	282
Steven Ihm, Peosta, IA	75	63	72	73	283
Austin Cook, Jonesboro, AR	68	70	71	76	285
Calvin Pearson, Durban, S. Africa	69	72	76	69	286
Andrew Lister, Katy, TX	70	74	69	74	287
Riley Pumphrey, Georgetown, TX	67	72	73	75	287
Joseph Winslow, Overland Park, KS	68	72	75	72	287
Rafael Becker, Sao Paulo, Brazil	73	70	72	74	289
Brad Dalke, McKinney, TX	67	69	75	78	289
Ian Vandersee, West Des Moines, IA	69	71	70	79	289
Peter Williamson, Hanover, NH	70	73	73	73	289
Ryan Kelley, The Woodlands, TX	73	71	73	73	290
Abraham Ancer, Mission ,TX	71	72	72	77	292
Kolton Crawford, Mansfield, TX	71	71	71	79	292
Geoff Shaw, Edmond, OK	69	73	74	76	292
Zach Tucker, Oklahoma City, OK	73	71	72	76	292
Gregory Yates, Mansfield, TX	70	77	72	74	293
Michael Schoolcraft, Englewood, CO	73	67	76	77	293
Ben Juffer, West Des Moines, IA	73	68	78	75	294
Jonathan Hauter, Morton, IL	72	73	72	77	294
Ziting Wang, Windermere, FL	73	72	73	76	294
Eli Cole, Beverly Hills, CA	71	72	73	78	294
Jeff Coffman, Oklahoma City, OK	68	75	76	76	295
Joe Doramus, Little Rock, AR	71	67	77	80	295
Korbin Kuehn, Overland Park, KS	71	73	77	74	295
Taylor Moore, Edmond, OK	73	73	74	76	296
Andrew Wyatt, Midland, TX	73	76	76	71	296
Thomas Birdsey, Trophy Club, TX	71	70	80	76	297
Hayden Wood, Edmond, OK	71	77	70	79	297
Scott Willman, Prairie Village, KS	74	67	77	79	297
Bennett Lavin, Deerfield, IL	71	73	76	77	297
Ryan O'Rear, Belton, TX	72	72	72	82	298
Will Kropp, Edmond, OK	74	74	72	78	298
James Marchesani, Rosebud, Australia	73	72	82	71	298
Charlie Saxon, Tulsa, OK	74	72	77	75	298
Ian Davis, Edmond, OK	75	72	75	76	298
Mason Jacobs, Metropolis, IL	71	74	74	79	298
Chris Gilbert, Simi Valley, CA	75	70	78	76	299
Logan McCracken, Oklahoma City, OK	73	76	74	77	300
Alex Moon, Dallas, TX	70	76	74	81	301
Sam Chien, Evanston, IL	74	73	73	81	301
Brandon Hagy, Westlake Village, CA	74	73	78	77	302
Michael McGee, Kansas City, MO	73	76	73	80	302
Tyler Gann, Tomball, TX	77	72	77	77	303
Colton Staggs, Tulsa, OK	75	68	81	79	303
Kevin Dougherty, Murrieta, CA	73	76	79	76	304
Michael Palmer, Johannesburg, S. Africa	70	75	77	82	304
Matt Pinizotto, Salinas, CA	72	75	76	81	304
Pace Johnson, Fresno, CA	70	77	75	82	304
Hunter Sparks, Oklahoma City, OK	73	74	77	81	305
Kyle Smell, Overland Park, KS	75	70	81	79	305
Jon Trasamar, Minneapolis, MN	76	70	78	81	305
Clancy Waugh, North Palm Beach, FL	71	73	78	83	305
Harry Higgs, Overland Park, KS	69	72	88	76	305



Final Results

Jordan Niebrugge, Mequon, WI	76	72	76	82	306
Eloy Gonzalez, Laredo, TX	72	77	78	80	307
Alec Heinen, Edmond, OK	71	75	80	82	308
Blake Waller, West Des Moines, IA	78	70	78	82	308
Taylor Williams, Chickasha, OK	75	73	79	81	308
Stephen Carney, Tulsa, OK	76	69	83	81	309
Santiago Gavino, San Luis Potosi, Mexico	78	71	83	79	311
Matthew Seramin, San Geronimo, CA	78	70	86	96	330
Mike McCoy, West Des Moines, IA	72	69	77	WD	WD
Wyndham Clark, Greenwood Village, CO	77	72	84	NS	NS

Missed Cut

	Rd 1	Rd 2
Erik van Rooyen, Oudtshoorn, S. Africa	76	74
Charlie Danielson, Osceola, WI	73	77
Alex Franklin, San Rafael, CA	76	74
Anthony Marchesani, Rosebud, Australia	77	73
Chandler Rusk, Edmond, OK	77	73
Matthew Seligmann, Houston, TX	74	76
Benjamin Corfee, El Macero, CA	75	75
Robert Bell, Pierz, MN	77	74
Eli Armstrong, Edmond, OK	75	76
Bryce Brown, Lincoln, NE	79	72
Cameron Meyers, Edmond, OK	77	74
Nicholas Smits, Gold Coast, Australia	74	77
Josh Swanson, Austin, TX	72	79
Kyle Weldon, Des Peres, MO	76	75
Tanner Kesterson, Plano, TX	75	76
Keelan Kilpatrick, Christchurch, N. Zealand	76	75
Curtis Donahoe, League City, TX	75	76
Ryan Dagerman, Dallas, TX	77	74
Ryan Barry, La Jolla, CA	75	76
Peter Krsnich, Wichita, KS	76	75
Brad Kropp, Edmond, OK	78	74
Beau Schoolcraft, Englewood, CO	74	78
Tom Kroll, Del Mar, CA	75	77
Alex Gutesha, Greenwood Village, CO	79	73
Kevin Gillick, Lincoln, NE	75	78
Kyle Hudelson, Oklahoma City, OK	81	72
Marcus Jones, Argyle, TX	78	75
Landon Lyons, Baton Rouge, LA	74	79
Scott Raber, El Macero, CA	75	78
Hunter Brown, Richardson, TX	75	78
Scott Tridle, Lincoln, NE	71	82
David Auer, Wichita, KS	75	78
Tripp Davis, Norman, OK	79	75
Ben Bauch, Trabuco Canyon, CA	74	80
John Beringer, Loveland, OH	80	74
Andrew Fogg, Greenwood, IN	76	78
Thane Ringler, Hutchinson, KS	79	75
Karsten Majors, Denver, CO	76	78
Bryon Shumate, Fort Smith, AR	76	78
David Klaudt, Farmers Branch, TX	76	78
Shang Zhi, Shenzhen, China	77	77



Final Results

Austen Fuller, Edmond, OK	82	73
Fletcher Johnson, Belden, MS	77	78
Sam Lee, Suva, Fiji	77	78
Jackson Ogle, Edmond, OK	80	75
Tyler Thomas, Beaumont, TX	79	76
David Holtgrewe, Englewood, CO	78	78
David Lowe, Scottsdale, AZ	78	78
Mark Mance, Whitefish, MT	77	79
Henry Todd, Trophy Club, TX	77	79
Trevor Stafford, Edmond, OK	79	77
Brad Gehl, Carmel, IN	75	82
Stephen Summers, Dallas, TX	77	80
Joey Toulon, Vista, CA	81	76
Joe Beck III, Austin, TX	80	78
Alex Burge, Bloomington, IL	74	84
Jacob Gould, Carmel, IN	81	77
Raleigh Hughes, Keller, TX	80	78
William Meason III, Alpharetta, GA	78	80
Matt Solis, Bettendorf, IA	78	80
William Dusenbury, League City, TX	79	79
Brad Mason, Dallas, TX	79	79
Greg Cole, The Woodlands, TX	74	84
Nickolas Lees, Tulsa, OK	81	77
Taylor Termeer, Austin, TX	80	79
Matt Krutz, Norman, OK	80	79
James Back, Cerritos, CA	85	74
Drew Dorsey, Edmond, OK	77	82
Jose Lopez, Oklahoma City, OK	82	78
Jordan Reinertson, Gibbon, NE	80	80
Rustin Purser, Edmond, OK	81	79
Trevor McInroe, Plano, TX	84	77
Brian Bazzel, Carlsbad, CA	82	79
Jeff Oakes, Edmond, OK	80	81
Trent Brown, Allen, TX	84	78
Sam Humphreys, Edmond, OK	78	84
Nicholas Grubnich, Crown Point, IN	81	82
Ryan Bent, Evergreen, CO	86	78
Scott Verplank, Edmond, OK	84	80
David Brown, Lafayette, CO	85	80
Tyler Engel, Castle Rock, CO	84	81
Luke Vivolo, Carmel, CA	87	78
Jacob Simon, Oklahoma City, OK	88	77
Adam Hess, Oklahoma City, OK	87	81
Kyle Scanlon, Stillwater, MN	82	86
Zach Steffen, Des Moines, IA	89	81
Eric Sexton, Derby, KS	95	81
Andrew Lewis, Graham, TX	90	87
Drew Comer, Fort Smith, AR	94	86
Josh Reinertson, Gibbon, NE	78	WD

Cook Continues Oak Tree Tradition

Penn Stater hits six months on the job during Trans-Miss

Just six months into his tenure at highly regarded Oak Tree National, superintendent Joshua Cook got to put his staff to the test as the facility hosted the 109th Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championship in mid-July. And the Pete Dye layout lived up to its reputation of being one of the most challenging venues in the country as just two players finished four rounds of play under par.

New to the Midwest, Cook, who received his undergraduate degree from Penn State and went on to earn his Master's in agronomy from its highly regarded turf school, took the challenge of prepping his course for one of the nation's longest running and most highly respected amateur championships in stride.

"It's a real honor and an easy event for us to get excited about; it's personally easy for me to get excited about it," said Cook, 32 and having left his assistant superintendent position at The Honors Course in Ooltewah, Tenn., at the end of 2011 to take over at Oak Tree. "We believe in the cause. I have a soft spot in my heart for amateur golf as well. It's a treat to see all these wonderful players out here and have them on the course trying to honor both the history of Oak Tree and amateur golf..."

Dye-d in the Oklahoma sun

Cook's first head superintendent job comes at a facility rich in tradition. Opened in the mid-1970s, Oak Tree played host to the U.S. Amateur in 1984 and the 1988 PGA Championship won by Jeff Sluman. Dye's gem near Edmond, Okla., hosted the 2006 Senior PGA Championship and it will get its second big USGA event in 2014 as the U.S. Senior Open will be contested there.

Cook, two assistants and an irrigation specialist are among a staff that totals 18 and cares for the 18 golf holes (nestled on about 125 acres of the 640-acre Oak Tree property), a practice facility and the club-

house grounds. Cook says this summer he's also had the help of two interns and five high school-aged employees.

Well-bunkered Oak Tree utilizes U3 bermudagrass on tees and fairways. The rough is a combination of U3 and common bermuda, Cook says. Some shady spots also have zoysia and some have tall fescue and a little bit of fine fescue, he adds. Greens are dominant bent, undulating and average a little more than 6,000 square feet in size.

Cook says the course drains well and a Dye design that utilizes the southern breeze for air movement makes working at Oak Tree special.

"You know every day that if you and your crew do their job well you have a chance to be great and that's pretty outstanding," he says.

Of course growing bentgrass in the Oklahoma summer heat can be a challenge.

"It's the thing that matters the most...it affects every single player," says Cook, who is also leading his staff in a program of restoring native areas at Oak Tree. "It's certainly the thing that impacts the (golf) experience for people. We always start with greens in our management and we make sure we don't cut any corners. And we kind of go from there..."



Honors to Pinehurst to Oak Tree

Cook began his golf course turf management career working on the maintenance staff at a local course while attending college in Chattanooga, Tenn. He developed a passion for the work, though “begrudgingly at first,” he admits.

“At some point I just realized I really enjoyed doing the work,” he recalls. “It was an easy job for me to come to and I felt like I could make a good living and be happy doing it.”

That’s when he decided to transfer to Penn State’s top-rated turf program. Cook says he also decided he wanted to work at the nicest course in the area and he landed a staff position at The Honors Course. While there, his hard work earned a spot as an intern in the summer of 2000. He interned there again in 2001 before serving an eight-month internship at Pinehurst No. 2.

Cook served as a grad assistant at Penn State from 2003 to 2006 while earning his Master’s degree,

but said he wanted to get back in golf.

“I had enjoyed the education portion of it, but the research end wasn’t really for me and I made a decision,” he says. “I wanted to be in the golf industry... I missed being around the game.”

Cook rejoined The Honors Course staff when an assistant superintendent position opened and remained there until the Oak Tree spot became available late last year.

While learning every day on the job, Cook says he remains aware of the importance of education to his chosen field.

“I think it’s hugely important. It’s an interesting field because it’s so applied,” Cook says. “But I think it’s a mistake, because it’s so applied, not to think that what you learn in the classroom is critical. I was very fortunate to learn from very good practitioners and a very good program. I think that’s benefited me tremendously.”



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