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ASSOCIATION NEWS

CMAA in temporary offices

The Club Managers Association of America had to accelerate its plans to relocate its national headquarters and moved July 7-10 into temporary offices.

Executive Vice President James A. Schuping said CMAA will still move into its Alexandria, Va., headquarters in September but in the interim can be contacted at P.O. Box 26308, Alexandria, Va. 22313.

Schuping said the temporary move was necessitated when the purchaser of the former CMAA property "moved his property-development program forward."

"Our anticipated move to the new facility at King Street Metro Place, 1733 King St. in Alexandria will occur in mid-September."

GCSAA donates funds toward grass research

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has contributed $25,000 to the USGA/GCSAA Turfgrass Research Committee to support ongoing scientific work on new turfgrass varieties that would require less water and be more disease resistant.

GCSAA President Dennis D. Lyons presented the funds at the June 14 annual USGA/Golf Writers Association of America banquet during the U.S. Open in Rochester, N.Y.

"GCSAA sincerely supports the USGA turfgrass research project. We are forward to working together with the USGA on other projects in the future," Lyon said.

The Turfgrass Research Committee currently supports 25 research projects and has distributed more than $2.8 million since 1983, said Bill Bengeyfield, USGA Green Section national director.

"We do thank GCSAA for the research funding they provide, and we also appreciate the time people like (GCSAA Vice President) Jerry Faubel, Dennis Lyon and (GCSAA Executive Director) John Schilling contribute to the committee," Bengeyfield said. "And $25,000 is absolutely fantastic."

GCSAA names Jones to post

Pat Jones, former Golf Course Management staff writer, is directing the Communications Department for GCSAA.

Jones has written extensively on technical, industry and government topics.

He will oversee the association's programs in government relations, public relations and scholarship and research.

Floyd, Lopez picked

Raymond Floyd and Nancy Lopez have been elected to the Modern Era of the PGA/World Golf Hall of Fame by the Golf Writers Association of America.

They will be inducted at Pebble Beach, Calif., on Nov. 18 in a formal presentation.

The Veterans Committee also elected for simultaneous induction Roberto de Vicenzo and the late Jim Barnes.

There's a new name in the winner's circle at Doral

Taming the famed Blue Monster course is the only way a golfer gets into the winner's circle at Doral. It's no different for turf professionals. Steve Kuhn, superintendent for all five of Doral's courses, occupies a permanent spot. John Deere, a new name at this prestigious Florida resort, just moved in.

"I've used John Deere tractors before so I know something about their quality," says Kuhn. "Most of us in this business knew that when John Deere got into more specialized turf care machines they would come out with something good."

"I bought a John Deere 280S Aerator on the spot— which is unusual for me. Since then, we've saved time and money using it to aerate all five of our courses. We can finish a course in 10-12 hours now where it used to take us 3-4 days."

"We also use a 151 Vacuum to pick up clippings and debris around the hotel. I like the fact that it has its own engine, so we can pull it with any of our vehicles. It also has a filtering system that makes it less disturbing for our operators and guests."

"Talk to your John Deere distributor today for more information on all we have to offer. Or write John Deere, Dept. 956, Moline, IL for free literature. We know, like Steve Kuhn, you're going to like what you see."

A John Deere 280S Shatter Aerator helps breathe new life into all of Doral's five golf courses with 6½-inch tines that slice and laterally pry open the soil over a 94-inch swath.