BRIEFS

ROMCSSA ELECTS HOOFNAGLE

GOLDEN, Colo. — John Hoofnagle of Valley Country Club in Aurora has been elected president of the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association. Hoofnagle replaces John Fitzgibbons of Meadows Golf Course in Boulder as president of the organization.

J. Brown of Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder has been elected vice president, and Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendent Doug Jones of City of Grand Junction, and Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association's John Rathjen of Greenbrier in Hot Springs, N.C., who has served as chairman of the GGCSA board of directors since 1991, has been elected treasurer.

By LAURA MILLER

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — A new occupation is about to emerge on golf courses, according to the director of the U.S. Golf Association Green Section's Mid-Continent Region.

"We will see a whole new profession: the scout," Jim Moore predicted at Golf Course Expo, held here by Golf Course News. The superintendent is often too busy to check the course. A scout can save thousands of dollars in pesticide applications catching problems before they start.

"The scout is not a new concept. In fact, Cornell University implemented a scouting service to area golf courses a couple of years ago. But the position exists rarely if at all on courses today."

"As we lose less ability to apply water and pesticides, scouts and others like them will be responsible for hitting 'hot spots' and other localized conditions," Moore said. "Scouts will be more necessary and higher paid, so that courses can keep them."

Indeed, he said, the industry should study paying more and better for the on-going improvement and maintenance of the 18-hole facility.

MASS. SHOW TURNS REGIONAL

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show will be held Jan. 15, 16 and 17 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, a new location for the annual event.

This year’s show is being held in cooperation with state superintendents associations from New Hampshire and Vermont as well as the University of Massachusetts Extension. For more information contact Denise Ruszala at 413-562-0120, or for registration information contact Jennifer Howland at 413-545-0172.

ISS INKED AT PORT MALABAR

ISS Golf Services of Tampa has reached an agreement with Port Malabar Country Club to manage the maintenance operation of the golf course. The agreement calls for ISS to provide the personnel (both on- and off-site experts), materials, and supplies for the on-going improvement and maintenance of the 18-hole facility.

MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT

CHAPERS GO PLATINUM

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The Missouri, Heart of America, Long Island, and Carolinas golf course superintendents associations have renewed their Platinum Tee Club memberships by donating $3,000 apiece to The GCSAA Foundation. An annual gift of $5,000 or more earns membership in the club. The funds are split between scholarships and research.

WOMAC HONORED IN GEORGIA

Bill Womac of Dunwoody Country Club, will receive the Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association's (GGCSA) Award of Recognition at the Annual Georgia Golf Hall of Fame Banquet to be held Jan. 6. Womac has been a member of the GGCSA since 1973 and served as a board member from 1977-1984. He served as the association's president from 1981-1982.

USGA GOES ONLINE

FAR HILLS, N.J. — On-line and up-front, the U.S. Golf Association (USGA) has joined the world of the Internet, and is already boasting success, and Michigan State University's Turfgrass Information Foundation (TGF) is on the verge.

When TGF joins World Wide Web — perhaps as soon as January — its material will be exclusively turfgrass-related, while USGA's site is multi-faceted.

"We're getting a lot of people logging on," said Dean Knuth, USGA's senior director of handicapping who, with Members Program Manager Chris Law, oversaw implementation of the computer package which went on line Nov. 13. "We've gotten 75 people today alone who have signed our guest book with wonderful comments... We think we're reaching the right audience — the general, uninformed public. People have even been joining the USGA every day over this.

"From my viewpoint, the web structure will make all this work worthwhile," said TGF director Peter Cookingham, whose library was established and supported the USGA to amass and centralize...