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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.—New-kid-on-the-block Meadowbrook Golf Group has suddenly become a major golf course management company with its recent purchases of Chicago-based North American Golf Inc. (NAGI) and California-based Golf Resources Inc. (GRD) giving it 25 courses nationwide. Effective Oct. 1, 1996, North American Golf began operating as the Eastern Division of 2-year-old Meadowbrook Golf Management. An exchange of stock was expected to occur by Nov. 1, with a final closing on the transaction scheduled for January 1, 1997.

Meadowbrook expects to close this month on a similar transaction with... Continued on page 41

Compost: A top-drawer top-dresser
GLENVIEW, Ill.—Scientists can’t explain exactly why it works, but it does, and compost is gaining popularity among golf course superintendents as a top-dressing and divot-mix application.

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Big Fish/Little Fish: Jacobsen absorbs Bunton
LOUISVILLE, Ky.—If you believe consolidation indicates a healthy industry, the golf course business just got healthier.

In a move company officials claim will “increase its leadership role in the turf maintenance industry,” Racine, Wis.-based Jacobsen Division of Textron, Inc. has acquired the Bunton Company, a manufacturer of turf equipment based here.

No significant upheaval is expected at Bunton in the near future, according to Bill Robson, interim general manager here at the firm’s Louisville headquarters. For the time being, Jacobsen distributors will handle Jake products and Bunton distributors will handle Bunton products, he said.

“That doesn’t mean that if a Jacobsen distributor wanted to sell Bunton, we wouldn’t look at it,” said Robson. “But right at the moment, nothing will change.”

With approximately 100 employees, Bunton’s 1995 sales were $19 million. According to Herb Henkel, Textron president of industrial products, Bunton’s facility and employees will remain in Ken-