

BRIEFS



ADVANTA WEST NAMES NEW GM

ALBANY, Ore. — Advanta Seeds West has announced the appointment of David Holman as general manager. He will join the firm this month from Plants Genetic Systems (Canada) Inc. and brings with him extensive experience in the overall management of seed and seed-related activities. Holman has also worked internationally with Conti Seeds (now Zeneca Seeds) and InterMountain Canola.

PRIME TURF TO REP STRANTROL 810

LOCKPORT, Ill. — Prime Turf, the midwestern distributor of the pH-control chemical pHairway, has been named by Stranco as its exclusive representative to the turf industry for the Strantrol 810 pH control system. Stranco's experience in water treatment is substantial, with more than 20,000 pH control systems in use worldwide, including the Strantrol 810, designed specifically for golf course irrigation systems. The Strantrol 810 is available for immediate shipment worldwide by calling Prime Turf at 708-301-1110.

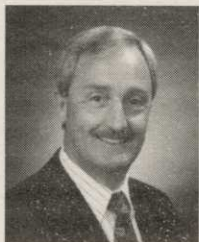
COMINGS AND GOINGS...

Versa-Lok Retaining Wall Systems has moved its headquarters to 6348 Highway 36, Oakdale, Minn. 55128. The firm may now be reached by phone at 1-800-770-4525 or 612-770-3166; by fax at 612-770-4089; or via the Internet at <http://www.versa-lok.com/wall>.

Aqua Control, Inc., manufacturers of aerators and decorative fountains, has also changed addresses. The firm may now be reached by post at 201 Walnut St., Peru, Ill. 61354; or by phone at 800-377-0019 and 815-223-0019.

NEYMAN JOINS LEBANON TURF

LEBANON, Pa. — Gary Neyman has been named product group manager for Lebanon Turf Products, a division of Lebanon Seaboard Corp. Neyman will be responsible for sales and marketing of Country Club, Country Club², NX-PRO and IsoTek³¹ Professional Turf Products. Prior to joining Lebanon, Neyman served as product line manager for Vigoro Professional Products of Winter Haven, Fla., where he was responsible for product development, new product introduction, and marketing of Vigoro's ParEx Turf Product line, and as territory manager, where he was responsible for sales of ParEx and Woodace products.



Gary Neyman



A BRIDGE TOO FAR?

Hardly. There are so many bridges at Arnold Palmer's soon-to-be-opened course in Biloxi, Miss., the developers incorporated them into the name: The Bridges at Casino Magic, due to open this fall. Constructed by York Bridge Concepts of Tampa, Fla., the serpentine bridges span 4,000 feet of wetlands, while more than 6,000 feet of timber retaining wall elevate fairways, tees and greens above the wetlands. "I don't think I've ever seen or designed a course with the amount of bridge this one has," said Palmer designer Harrison Minchew. "We're very happy with the job [York Bridge] is doing not only on the Casino Magic course but on our Cherokee Run [Georgia] and Lost Key Plantation [Florida] projects as well."



NEW PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

Aerway of Norwich, Ontario, Canada has introduced its new 100 Series aerators designed to provide superintendents a new option for green and tee aeration. The fine tines on the Aerway unit penetrate 6-inches deep and follow with a built-in greens roller to smooth the openings, resulting in an instantly playable putting surface with a single pass. Starting under \$5,000, Aerway 100 Series greens aerators are available in 4-foot, 5-foot, 6-foot and 7-foot/6-inch widths. They're towed behind utility vehicles or small tractors equipped with hydraulic capabilities. For more information, contact Aerway at 1-800-457-8310. For more winter prep product information, see page 39. For further new product information, see page 50.

Ransomes continues sponsorship strategy

LINCOLN, Neb. — Ransomes has been named an official supplier to the PGA European Tour. Under the agreement, Ransomes, Cushman and Ryan turf equipment becomes a "preferred maintenance product" of the Tour. Additionally, the company's products will be recommended for use at all PGA European Tour venues for the next three years.

The agreement encompasses both the European Tour and European Senior Tour. Combined, both tours hold 50 tournaments, including the British Open Golf Championship and the Volvo PGA Championship.

As a preferred Tour supplier, Ransomes will make equipment available, as required, to help prepare Tour venues prior to all events. Ransomes will also hold special equipment seminars for tournament

directors. In addition, the firm will co-sponsor the annual PGA European Tour Greenkeepers Conference and be involved in the presentation of conference sessions and educational papers.

"As a world-class supplier of golf course maintenance equipment, Ransomes is delighted to be extending major support to the tournaments comprising the PGA European Tour," says Ransomes' Group Chief Executive, Peter Wilson. "This agreement further reinforces Ransomes' total commitment to the golf industry, highlighting the renewed confidence being placed in the company and its line of products."

"With St. Andrews, Gleneagles and Pebble Beach already committed exclusively to Ransomes," Wilson concluded, "this latest award demonstrates once again that we now have the full range of equipment."

EPA amends a pair of worker protection laws

Monsanto honored for 'green' revisions to Round-Up chemistry

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced plans to ease its regulations in two turf-related areas: the instances when decontamination supplies must be kept at a treated site, and the use of languages other than Spanish on worker notification signs.

The amended regulations will take effect later this month, 60 days after their publication in the Federal Register which took place in late July.

The first amendment, which should affect the sod growing industry, has decreased the number of days — from 30 to 7 — that decontamination supplies (soap, water and paper towels) must be available to workers entering treated fields. This applies only to turf treated with low toxicity pesticides, defined by the EPA as those having a restricted entry interval of four hours or less.

Prior to this amendment, EPA required that decontamination supplies had to be available whenever a worker performed any activity in a pesticide treated area, or where entry had been restricted within the past 30 days.

In the second amendment, which should affect any golf course or business operating in widely bilingual regions, the EPA agreed that employer could replace the Spanish language on required warning signs with another language tailored to suit the tongue most used by workers in that location. The English portion of the sign must remain.

Previously, the EPA allowed only En-

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