

# NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY continued

change associate membership in both clubs for their current and future members. Brookwood is located in suburban Wood Dale and

the I.A.C. is in downtown Chicago.

In their joint announcement of the unique program, Lawrence G. Malenfant, a partner of Brookwood, and Arthur C. Hutton, president of the I.A.C., said Brookwood members will have use of all I.A.C. athletic, dining and social facilities offered to I.A.C. members. I.A.C. members will have use of Brookwood's 18-hole golf course, tennis, pool, social and dining facilities. Brookwood and I.A.C. members also will have use of member clubs where reciprocal agreements are in effect throughout the United States.

Malenfant said he was most pleased that such a program could be worked out for the mutual benefit of both clubs. "Where else could one membership create so many additional benefits for members and their families? Brookwood's golf course, outdoor pool and tennis courts, the outstanding athletic facilities for which the I.A.C. has been noted since 1904, the combined year-round social events, coupled with in-city and suburban dining facilities of both clubs complement each other throughout the year."

Recreation matching grants were awarded in Colorado for 1975-76.

The recent recession has postponed or stopped at least 20 housing-connected courses including Roxborough Country Club, Broomfield Country Club, Walnut Creek Golf Course, around Denver; and Ptarmigan near Dillon, Indian Mountain near Jefferson, Windsor Square at Windsor, Steamboat Lake near Steamboat Springs, and other mountain resort communities.

On the plus side, Colorado's growth rate and population gains have slowed recently. Except for 2 or 3 more good municipal or daily fee facilities in suburban Denver, there is no serious shortage of places to play. The state has 90 public and 50 private courses for 2.2 million population.

Jerry Clausen, NGF.

## Club locker manufacturer enjoys 75th year in market

In this, America's Bicentennial year, Lyon Metal Products, Inc. of Aurora, Ill., is enjoying a double celebration.

In addition to being the nation's 200th birthday, 1976 also represents Lyon's 75th anniversary. The firm was founded in 1901 by the Waters brothers as a small sheet metal job shop located in the basement of their parent's home.

From those humble beginnings, Lyon has grown to become the nation's foremost manufacturer of steel locker and storage equipment for clubs/and, more recently, a leading manufacturer of top quality office products. In the early years, Lyon manufactured anything from gutters and downspouts to cuspidors and fireplace equipment.

## J-M irrigation centers to service east and west

A new and sophisticated test facility which accurately reassures the performance of irrigation products, is now in operation in the Fresno, Calif. plant of Johns-Manville.

Douglas A. Bruce, manager of product development for J-M's Ag-Turf Division, describes the testing equipment as accurate to one hundredth (.01") of an inch. Tests result in a profile or graphic illustration of how a sprinkler head dis-

## Mile High course outlook stalled by low economy

The rise and fall of golf course development in Colorado in the 1970's has provided a mirror image of the national economy. Consider this roller-coaster of golf course project statistics in the Mile High state:

1973—Open for play, 16; New construction starts, 14.

1974—Open, 17; Under construction 5.

1975—Open, 4; Under construction, 5.

1976 (expected)—Open, 4; Construction starts, 4.

Several economy-related factors are involved in the slowdown. Most important, the housing market has dropped way off and about 60 percent of all course prospects and those under construction are part of residential developments. Without real estate to sell, few investors can handle the up-front capital requirements plus high interest rates for a new golf facility. Federal funds are next-to-impossible to obtain for golf — only two Bureau of Outdoor

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