

The site may also be challenged by the Florida Wildlife Federation at its September 17 meeting in Palm Beach. John Jones, the group's executive director, said he opposes any idea to fill the wetlands with materials that would prevent water from forming the area's natural swamps and ponds. He also claims that wildlife would be endangered.

## SAFETY

### Pesticides linked to cancer, sterility

During a two-week span in August, it was discovered that a chemical in pesticides used by some golf course superintendents was suspected to cause cancer and sterility in males. No incidents of ill effects were found among persons who apply the pesticides containing dibromochloropropane, known as DBCP. But the government is not yet certain if they could be affected and Michael Snyder, a California health official, has advised superintendents not to use the pesticides.

The production of Fumazone was stopped after the Dow Chemical Co. found 12 of 14 persons it tested at an Arkansas plant were sterile. Shell Chemical Co. halted the making of Nemagon and the state of California banned the chemical's sale after test results were announced.

Shortly thereafter, individual scientists linked the chemical to cancer in humans, about 4 years after it was found to cause stomach cancer in rats. Boris Osheroff, an environmental officer with the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, said scientists in the National Cancer Institute had not yet reached a consensus on DBCP's carcinogenic possibilities.

Yet the federal government is concerned enough to include persons who apply the pesticides in upcoming tests. Those individuals will be tested by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health in early September.

The pesticides in question are used to kill nematodes along coastal regions from North Carolina to Alabama. Spokesmen for the

government and a manufacturer indicated that persons who administer the pesticides could be harmed.

"If people come into contact with DBCP, they are running a risk," said Jennifer Read, a public information officer with the U.S. Department of Labor. Said William Seward, public relations manager for Dow's agricultural products department: "The possibility exists that inhalation is sufficient for danger."

But their warnings were diluted by persons involved in the day-to-day use of the pesticides.

The marketing vice president of Southern Mill Creek Products Co., a Tampa, Fla., firm which distributes and applies Fumazone, said it would continue to serve its 100 to 150 golf course customers.

William Broome told GOLF BUSINESS that the soil fumigant is almost always injected underground by a machine, a method which minimizes contact. He felt that only those persons who sprayed or "drenched" their greens and fairways might be harmed.

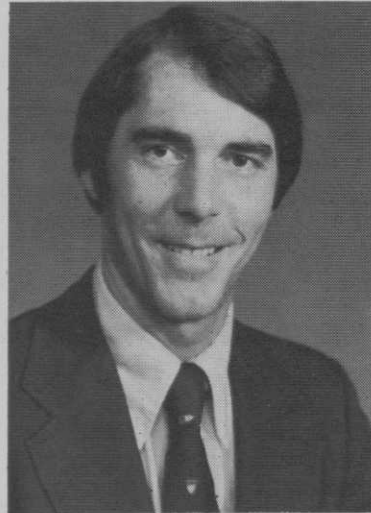
Dr. Grover Smart, a University of Florida nematology professor, agreed. "It seems to me it would be safe to use on turf. On food crops, that's something else." He said he didn't know of any course operators in Florida who "drenched" their course.

Superintendents wondering what advice to follow will get help from the federal government. The first step was expected by Labor Day when the Occupational Safety and Health Administration proposed to set emergency temporary standards on pesticides with DBCP.

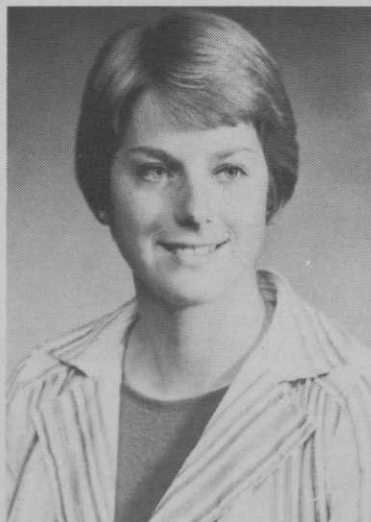
## ASSOCIATIONS

### GCSAA realignment to promote show

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has reorganized its administrative staff in order to promote its annual International Turfgrass Conference and Show and recruit new members more effectively.



Brooks



Storm

James R. Brooks will direct the new department of Chapter and Industrial Relations. He will contact potential exhibitors and manage the GCSAA-sponsored conference and show to be held at February in San Antonio.

Brooks, the director of membership services since 1974, will also work to attract new members and will begin his drive in the Southwest since the conference and show will be held in that region.

The second change combines the departments of membership and administrative services. It will continue to provide employment referral and other services to GCSAA members. Janie Storm is the director.

## CONVENTIONS

### IRS, Labor chiefs to address NCA

Seminars with leaders from the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Department of Labor, plus a luncheon with members of Congress, will highlight the annual National Club Association convention and exposition October 6-8 at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The event begins at 2 p.m. Thursday with a discussion on the recent challenges to the admission policies of private clubs. The seminar, titled "Is The Right to Restrict Still Valid?," will last 2 hours. From 4:30-5:30, members can meet with the club's executive committee, division councils, and legal counsel.

A welcoming reception will be held in conjunction with the club's second annual exposition from 6-7:30 p.m. to cap the first day's activities, but the exhibits will again be open from 10 a.m.-noon Friday.

The convention's second day will begin with a continental breakfast and seminar from 8:45-10:00 a.m. A speech, "What the Internal Revenue Service Sees Ahead for Private Clubs," will be given by Edward D. Coleman, technical chief for the IRS's exempt organizations division. A question and answer period will follow.

After the exposition closes, buses will take the conventioners to the Senate caucus room to meet and dine with members of Congress. It is uncertain which congressmen will attend the luncheon, but a number of Senate leaders and congressmen from the club members' home districts have been invited, said Steve Ahlberg, association director for public affairs.

Persons will be driven back to the hotel to attend two seminars at 3:45 p.m. One is to inform newly-elected officers about taxes, liability, and other job responsibilities. The other seminar, for the experienced manager, will feature James Suntum, the Labor Department's chief of its wage-hour coverage and exemption branch.

This workshop will later split into two groups to discuss financial obligations and options toward the club's golf pro and food and