**New herbicide offered through six companies**

Betasan, a new preemergence turf herbicide manufactured by the Stauffer Chemical Co., Westport, Conn., is now available to golf course superintendents under eleven private labels.

The Occidental Chemical Co. will sell Best Betasan 4E and Best Betasan 12.5G on the West Coast; Lakeshore Equipment & Supply Co. will market Lescosan 4E and Lescosan 12.5G east of the Rocky Mountains, and the PBI Gordon Corp. will sell Betamec-4 nationally.

Pre-San will be sold across the nation by Mallinckrodt, Inc. Rockland Betasan 4E and Rockland Betasan 12.5G will be marketed in the Northeast by the Rockland Chemical Co. The B. G. Pratt Division of Gabriel Chemical Co. will also sell the herbicide in the Northeast under the names Pratt Betasan 4E, Pratt Betasan 12.5G, and Pratt Betasan 3.6G.

Stauffer officials say Betasan will control crabgrass, annual bluegrass, goosegrass, henbit, foxtails, and fall panicum. One application per year is needed to provide seasonal control, the company says.

**Lawsuits**

**FMC files suit against Jacobsen**

A lawsuit has been filed in U.S. District Court in Milwaukee by the FMC Corp. of Chicago to stop Jacobsen Manufacturing Co. from infringing on a patent for one of its rotary lawn mowers, say FMC’s attorneys.

The mower is marketed under the Bolens Mulching Mower Trademark, FMC said it is also asking for monetary damages.

**TOURNAMENTS**

**Sites, dates set for USGA tourneys**

The United States Golf Association has announced sites and dates for two future championships: the West Delta Golf Course in Portland, Ore., will host the 1979 United States Amateur Public Links Championship July 16-21 and the Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kan., will entertain the 1980 Women’s Amateur Championship.

The Prairie Dunes club hosted the women’s tournament in 1964, the only time it has been played in Kansas.

**Associations**

**SGMA hires firm to watch legislation**

The Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association has hired the association management firm of Smith, Bucklin, and Associates to provide support for its Washington-based government relations activities, SGMA president Howard Bruns has announced.

“The group will serve more as a ‘monitoring service’ than a lobbying agency,” said Fred Juer, chairman of the SGMA federal agencies committee.

“Basically, we are hiring an outfit to keep an eye on what is happening and to keep us advised,” he said.

The SGMA is concerned about federal laws and regulations on a number of issues, especially product liability and the proposal to eliminate tax deductions for entertainment expenses.

**IN MEMORIUM**

**Augusta co-founders honored by club**

Two bronze plaques commemorating the contributions of Robert Tyre Jones, Jr., and Cliff Roberts, co-founders of the Augusta National Golf Club, have been placed at the foot of the flagpole near the Augusta clubhouse.

The area has also been named The Founders Circle. Jones was the president and Roberts the chairman of the club and the Masters tournament.

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