Clippings

Short pieces of news from in and around the golf business...

At their fall meeting, members of the Idaho Golf Course Superintendents Association restructured the organization into the Southern Idaho Turfgrass Association "in order to include all related fields of turfgrass management in southern Idaho," according to Ron Taylor, who was elected president of the group.

Other new SITA officers in are John Boehm, vice president; G. Duane Orulian, secretary-treasurer; and Chuck Demming, Al Sproat, Dave Killen, Basil Ryan, and Bryce Frye, board members.

The Indiana Golf Course Superintendents Association marked its 50th anniversary in November. Officers for 1979 are Oscar L. Miles, CGCS, Broadmoor CC, president; Lee Webb, CGCS, Crooked Stick GC, vice president; and Tom Brebhir, Heathers Hills CC, secretary-treasurer.

New officers elected by the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association (New York City area) for 1979 are Robert Alonzi, Burning Tree CC, president; Michael Maffeii, Back of Beyond GC, vice president; Paul Oswell, Greenwich CC, secretary; Sherwood Moore, Woodway GC, treasurer. Randy Witt, formerly of the Reedsburg (Wis.) CC, assumed superintendent duties at Janesville CC as of January 1.

In an unusual move that may be copied by many golf courses in the future, Canterbury GC and Shaker Hts. CC have agreed to share a superintendent. He is Bill Burdick, who has been at Canterbury for many years and is past president of the Northern Ohio Golf Course Superintendents Association. Both clubs are in the high-rent suburbs east of Cleveland, Ohio.

Arvica Corp., a resort management firm in Florida, opened its Broken Sound Golf Club in Boca Raton in October. Harry Lincoln, greens superintendent of the Boca Raton Hotel and Club course, will also be responsible for course maintenance at broken Sound. Devil's Lake, a 9-hole course near Lincoln City, Ore., was sold recently to an investor in Salem. Jay Nichols, the superintendent, indicates that a new automatic irrigation system will be the first priority this year.

Gary Sayre, formerly assistant superintendent at Riverside CC, Portland, Ore., is now the superintendent at Oakbrook CC in Tacoma, Wash. ... Randy Schultz, formerly the assistant at Tuatami (Ore.) CC, is now the superintendent at Summerfield GC. In Ohio, Wooster CC has a new superintendent, Douglas Meininger, as does Fairacres GC in Loveland; Dick Siebern.

The Clemson University Extension Service's new area agent for Charleston and Dorchester counties in South Carolina is Jimmy Yonce, former superintendent at Hidden Valley CC in West Columbia ... Bill Sherman, who had been superintendent at Woodbridge CC in Shelby, N.C., has moved to Palm Aire World of Golf in Pompano Beach, Fla.

Ellis Maples received a distinguished service award at the 12th annual Clemson Turfgrass Conference and annual business meeting of the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association in mid-November. Making the presentation to a standing ovation was his son, Joe Maples Jr., superintendent and golf pro at Boone (N.C.) GC. The award plaque reads "In recognition of his contribution to the development of golf in the Carolinas."

Now the owner and golf director of Eagle Nest Golf Club in Myrtle Beach, Ellis Maples designed many of the top courses in the Carolinas — including the Country Club of North Carolina, Grandfather G&CC, Forest Oaks, and others. He designed a total of 67 courses in the Carolinas, Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia, and West Virginia after beginning with Donald Ross.

Bruce Roberts has accepted the superintendent's job at Aspen (Colo.) Municipal GC; he had been at the University of Wyoming golf course.

Bill Nuesle, who left Lake San Marcos (Calif.) to build a new course at Wilsonville, Ore., has returned to his old job at Lake San Marcos, replacing Ron LeTourneau, who resigned to accept a position with the parks department of the city of San Marcos.

Alex Macias, former assistant at Green River GC in Corona, Calif., has been appointed superintendent at Soboba Springs CC in San Jacinto ... new superintendent at Tri-Palm Estate GC, Thousands Palms, Calif., is Toby Sleen ... Richard Wagner left Mile Square GC, Fountain Valley, Calif., for Oakmont CC in Glendale.

Bob Scribner has resigned from his position as superintendent at Cottonwood CC in El Cajon, Calif., to become a sales rep for Toro in San Diego.

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Marie Pompei has been appointed research assistant for Loft's Pedigreed Seed; she will be working with university research personnel, writing, attending trade shows, and assisting in research at the Loft's experimental station in Martinsville, N.J.

OMC-Lincoln has named Gary Staats, eastern U.S. service manager for Cushman-Ryan turf care equipment.

New executive secretary of the New York State Turfgrass Association is Ann Reilly; contact the association through her at 210 Cartwright Blvd., Massapequa Park, NY 11762 (phone 516/541-9034).