Clippings
Brief bits of news from in and around the golf business...
In case you missed it, gasohol is harmful to small engines! The methyl alcohols in it react with water and form strong acids which may eat up rubber and plastics and corrode metal parts. This can be particularly evident during storage periods.

Lime is being tested for its ability to control Japanese beetle grubs at Lyons Den Golf Inc., in Canal Fulton, Ohio. It is being applied over about an acre of test plots on the 17th fairway. Ken Lawrence, a USDA researcher from the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center is leading the project.

Boca Greens Country Club is taking shape in Southern Florida. The country club will be unique in that it will be owned by the members and will be available for resident and nonresidents memberships. Other clubs in the area will not allow nonresidents to renew when residents take over the roster.

Conrad Sheetz, executive director of GCSAA has been designated a Certified Association Executive by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). The certification process involves an extensive personal evaluation, a six-hour examination on association management subjects, high standards of performance and conduct and at least five years experience as a staff executive or three years experience as the chief executive of an association. Sheetz is certified for a three year period, at the end of which he must submit proof of continued education and/or testing. ASAE has nearly 8,000 members representing an estimated 24 million person constituency.

The 1979 New England Weed Control Guide is out. To obtain a copy of the four-page guide, write Vaughn Holyoke, Extension Crop Specialist, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04473.

Notes from...
California
Irwin Hearsch has been using about 25 percent less water by irrigating for six to eight minutes every two hours instead of 30 continuous minutes. Hearsch says he gets better coverage because the spray is not fighting the same wind all the time. He has had no problems with run-off or low spots since he began this program.

Virginia
Dave Harmon, superintendent at Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, reports that excessive rainfall, cloudy skies, and temperatures in excess of ninety degrees have caused shallow roots, wilt and disease for Virginia turfgrass. Harmon is seeing Pythium and Brown Patch and some leafspot on the fine-leaved bermudagrasses. The leaf spots looks as if someone has dumped black pepper on the turf, Harmon says. As this goes to press, temperatures are dropping only to 75 degrees and reaching 60 by nine o'clock. Superintendents are eagerly awaiting August's end. This has occurred in August for the past three years, Harmon adds.

The Club Managers Association's industry authored textbook on club management, operations and organizational philosophy is progressing. Material has been written and is ready for editing. In the planning stage for the past three years, the book is being written by industry authorities in each area of prime management concern. It will have 11 chapters and is expected to be ready for distribution by the end of this year.

Colorado State University is offering nine, 30-minute color video tapes covering: Soil–water–plant relations; Irrigation systems; Irrigation scheduling; and Evapotranspiration estimates, among others.

Conference Previews
Virginia
Virginia Tech's Turfgrass Field Days are Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 19-20. Participants will be among field experiments and facilities continuously during the two days, a departure from previous years. In addition, about 30 commercial exhibits will be set up. An equipment parade will be held at 3:30 Wednesday, in the stadium. For more information, call William Burleson, 703/961-7370.

Indiana
The Midwest Regional Turf Foundation field day will be Monday, September 24 at the Purdue Agronomy Farm. The farm is located outside West Lafayette, on Highway 52 NE, just west of the Elks Golf Course. The program will start at 9:45. There will be a group lunch and a campus turf tour before dismissing at 3:30.

California
The Northern California Turfgrass Council, in conjunction with the University of California Cooperative Extension, will hold the 1979 Irrigation Seminar Wednesday, October 3 at Goodman Hall, Jack London Square in Oakland, California. This year's theme will be "Irrigation for Energy Efficiency". Andy Bertoni of W.A. Cleary Co., New Jersey, will be the keynote speaker with "The Humorous Side of Our Industry" as his topic. Concurrent sessions during the afternoon feature Johns-Mansville, Rain Bird and Toro in-service repair training and various speakers presenting management topics. Registration will be $10 for NCTC and other Turfgrass Council members and $15 for others. An additional $2 will be charged for door registration. For more information, contact Seminar Chairman Jim Prusa at 408/426-6911, or write to N.C.T.C., P.O. Box 268, Lafayette, CA 94549.