News

GB's Brooks is now Associate Publisher
Dayton Matlick, Senior Vice President of the Harvest Publishing Co., has announced the appointment of James R. Brooks, National Sales Manager, as Associate Publisher for GOLF BUSINESS. In making the appointment, Matlick stated that, "Jim assumes direct responsibility for all phases of the magazine’s operations." Brooks will continue to serve as national sales manager and remain based in Atlanta.

As Associate Publisher, Brooks announced that GOLF BUSINESS would begin publishing the standard sized format with the January, 1981 issue. He said, "Visits with superintendents, owners, suppliers, educators and other readers over the past several months indicated strong support for returning GOLF BUSINESS to the standard size."

Brooks, 40, joined the Harvest Publishing Co. as National Sales Manager in July, 1979. Previously, he was the Director of Marketing and Sales of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

EPA finds dioxins in 2,4-D samples
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Agriculture Canada have found dioxins in 2,4-D samples. While no regulatory action has been taken yet, officials of both said that decisions would be made before the next 2,4-D season, March in the U.S. and June in Canada.

EPA gave manufacturers 10 working days to submit technical samples of the 2,4-D used in the U.S. and a description of the manufacturing process.

Three different dioxins were found in the Canadian samples, but none were the most acutely toxic isomer. EPA is currently studying toxicity data on the three.

DOW submits final 2,4,5-T preview
Dow Chemical’s lawyers have given EPA an overview of the final arguments they will use in the 2,4,5-T, silvex cancellation hearing. They plan to present the case in 10 segments, using the testimony from 34 witnesses. One of the arguments, which comes under the head “Sources of TCDD (dioxin) in the Environment”, Dow will argue that “the widespread presence of dioxins from sources as diverse as municipal incinerators, powerhouses, automotive exhaust systems and home fireplaces, makes it unreasonable to assume that a significant portion of the TCDD in our environment comes from the registered uses of 2,4,5-T and silvex.” The arguments will also include testimony on and an analysis of the Aisla II study. Dow intends to present the argument that available evidence suggests that man is not as susceptible to TCDD as are laboratory animals, but is actually “peculiarly resistant to the effects”.

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Dr. Fred V. Grau, President of The Musser International Turfgrass Foundation, presents the Grau Trophy to the University of Maryland Golf Club team which won the second annual Mid-Atlantic Turfgrass Boosters Tournament at Baltimore CC’s Five Farms course with a score of 122 for the two best-balls of the foursome. Left to right are: Mike Camp, Lou Strieter, Dr. Grau, Tom Roberts and Frank Sanzaro. All are members of the University of Maryland Golf Club. Proceeds were shared by the Maryland Turfgrass Council and the Musser Foundation.

Bob Orazi, chairman of the second annual Mid-Atlantic Turfgrass Boosters tournament, presents the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents Trophy to the low gross winners from Maryland G&CC. They scored 138 for the two best-balls of the foursome. From left are: Maynard Morrison, golf chairman; Ron Hall, Superintendent and president of the Mid-Atlantic Association; Paul Haviland, golf professional; Larry Delclos, club President; and Orazi, Superintendent at Hunt Valley GC.

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