Brief bits of news from in and around the golf business.

An all-time speed record for playing an 18-hole round of golf has been set. *Golf Digest* reported in their November issue that Jerry Dunkerson, 23, played the 9-hole University Village Golf Course in Santa Barbara, Calif., in 29 minutes, 49.9 seconds. His score was 47-49, and was achieved using only a 5-iron, pitching wedge and a putter. The rules for a speed golfer remain on foot at all times covering 6,083 yards in 29 minutes, 49.9 seconds. His score has been set.

The driving range at Red Oaks in Madison Heights, Michigan, will be covered by a heated, air-supported dome this winter. Golf Domes, Inc. of Dearborn will lease the facility and pay a percentage of the gross revenue to the Oakland County Parks.

The New Mexico GCSA elected new officers at their September meeting. They are: Harold Vaubel, Albuquerque CC, President; Gary Grigg, CGCS, Tanoan CC, Vice president; and Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Arden Thalhouser, Las Cruces. Board of Director members are: Bruce Erhard, Las Cruces (a past president); Dr. Jerald Horst, El Paso; Ted Martinez, Ruidoso; Al Kline, Albuquerque; and Horace Molina, Albuquerque. Ted Martinez was the winner of the annual tournament, held at the new Picacho Hills CC, with a 71. The conference had a record attendance.

J I Case and Cummins Engine Company have joined forces to manufacture a new line of advanced-design, fuel-efficient diesel engines in the 50-250-hp range. The engines are scheduled for prototype production in 1981 and market introduction in 1983. The agreement is subject to approval by the boards of directors of Cummins and of Tenneco Inc., of which Case is a wholly-owned subsidiary.

Kawasaki Motors Corp., Engine Division, has appointed Marco, Inc., in Idaho Falls, Idaho, as a distributor for their two and four cycle engines. Kawasaki engine sales and service for Idaho, Montana, Utah, and parts of Wyoming and Nevada will be handled by Randy Robinson from Marco's 25,000 sq. ft. Idaho Falls facility.

LESCO Products in Elyria, Ohio, is now plating its made-to-order metal components with a zinc coating to improve its appearance and handling and to avoid build-up in the grinding stone. LESCO Products is a division of Lakeshore Equipment & Supply Co.

Wisconsin Marine, Wisconsin manufacturers of Bob-Cat mowers and snowthrowers, has changed their name to Ransomes Inc. following the development of a new corporation, which is a subsidiary of Ransomes Sims and Jeffries Ltd. of Ipswich, England. Ransomes will retain its separate management and control.

Robert C. O'Knefski, Cooperative Extension Agent from Nassau County, New York, retired at the end of October. A graduate of Penn State and holder of a Master's degree from Rutgers, O'Knefski has taught at the University of Connecticut and was a turf consultant for O.M. Scott & Sons, in addition. He was the first recipient of the Citation of Merit from the New York State Turfgrass Association in 1978.

Western Texas College, in Snyder, Texas, now offers a new, expanded program of Golf Course Operations and Landscape Technology. Completion of this two-year program will qualify a graduate for an Associate in Applied Science degree, or credits may be transferred to a four-year university program. The curriculum is aimed at training working superintendents, assistant superintendents, foremen and crew chiefs with an adequate technical and classroom background, giving them two years of 'hands-on' experience in the field working on their own golf course is used as part of the learning facility. Interested persons may contact the Director of Golf Course Operations/Landscape Technology at WTC by calling 915/573-8511.

Eaton Golf & Tractor has two managerial changes at their Syracuse, New York operation. Roger Lind is Institutional Sales Manager and will be responsible for all sales of commercial products in central New York, including Rochester and the Southern Tier. Jack Trexler is Parts Manager and will be responsible for the disbursement of all parts as well as inside sales including irrigation products.

Mike Robinson has recently been named Vice President of Marketing for Pickseed West, Inc., in Tangent, Ore. Robinson, a 9-year veteran of the Northwest seed industry, will continue to be responsible for the company's proprietary marketing of turf and forage seed. He will also coordinate Pickseed's research and variety development.