Clippings

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

A Pennsylvania research team is doing research on deer fences. An eight-foot fence is too expensive. Alternatives include a slanted fence of six-foot mesh at a height of four and one-half feet. Deer couldn't go through and the wire overhead prevented most from jumping. Because some did jump, the team is testing a higher fence of 14 wires rather than mesh. Most promising is an electric fence with high tensile strength wire to prevent the deer from breaking it. The team must perform more research before it can recommend, however.

Green fees in the Cleveland (Ohio) Metroparks System have been raised for the 1980 season. The raise was as low as 15 cents at one course and 35 cents at two others. The three other courses ranged in between. Planned improvement includes rebuilding some tees, installing fairway sprinklers, blacktopping cart paths, and replacing rain shelters.

The West course at the Grenelefe Golf and Tennis Resort near Cypress Gardens, Florida, has been voted as the top course in Florida by the readers of Golfweek, the official publication of the Florida Professional Golfers Association. This is the second straight year the course has received that honor.

We received a newspaper clipping from Vincent Argondezzi about a new course in Pennsylvania. The clipping began: "A new golf course—almost as rare these days in the Delaware Valley area as a cut in taxes. "... The course is located at Mount airy Lodge off Route 611 near Mount Pocono, Penn.

The New England Golf Course Superintendents Association is proud that Guy Tedesco, golf director and superintendent at New Seabury, has been elected to the Massachusetts Golf Course Association, a first for a superintendent. Tedesco commented in the NEGCSA Newsletter "I'll be in there pitching for the golf course superintendent. What I hope to do is make all golfers aware of the magnitude of our job as superintendents on the basis of things over which he has no control. I'd like to change all that."

Stanley Thompson, a noted architect in the development of golf in Canada has been inducted posthumously into the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame. When he died, in 1952 at age 58, Thompson left 200

courses, including courses in Brazil, Colombia, British West Indies and the U.S.

George Burgin, superintendent of the Atlanta Country Club in Georgia, has received the first combined PGA Tour-GCSAA Citation of Performance. The award was presented on the basis of Burgin's knowledge and performance within his profession, his cooperation with the PGA Tour in preparation for the Atlanta Classic, and his length of service. Burgin has been a member of GCSAA for 23 years.

Dan Jones, award winning editor of The South Florida Green, official publication of the South Florida GCSA, has left Turnberry Isle CC (formerly Adventura) for Banyan CC near West Palm Beach.

Donald E. Padgett II has been named director of golf at Firestone CC near Akron, Ohio. Padgett will be responsible for the golf program for members and their guests.

Nick A. Siemens, a well-known Western golf course contractor, has been elected the 1980 president of the Golf Course Builders of America. Siemens heads Siemens' Contracting Inc. of Fresno.

I contacted Eastman Kodak in Rochester, NY, and was told to contact their central Florida distributor, Fisher Scientifics, Orlando. Fisher informed me that they had a crimson red fat stain but they didn't know the application rates or anything else about the stain. I then ordered a case of stain (six 25 gram jars) to test on our mowers. After testing we agreed that in the hydraulic systems of the Toro Greensmaster III that 25 grams would work very effectively.

Since we added the stain to the mowers (1½ years ago) we have had nothing but success. We have had two hydraulic lines blow out on us and the mower operator, seeing the red streak on the green, has immediately stopped and shut down the mower. So instead of 6-7 greens (15 streaks/green) we now have one green with one small streak.

The stain has not affected the operation of the mower at all. There have not been any worn seats in the hydraulic system.

Some other advantages to the stain are that it shows you where you might have loose fittings on the hydraulic lines and on the hydraulic reel motors.

The stain doesn't have the approval of Toro and Jacobsen yet for their warranty machines, but after 1½ years it has worked fantastic for us. A lot of superintendents here in Florida are now using it in their greensmowers.

If this can help you and your operations, as it has ours, it has to be a success.

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