**Clippings**

Brief bits of news from in and around the golf business... If only there were more of them... the Canadian Minister of Agriculture, Eugene F. Whelan, was quoted as saying, "Health and Welfare Canada is taking a fresh look at the use of 2,4-D... We want to be able to honestly reassure people that if they follow the directions on the label they have nothing to fear... But that's not to say that we are going to endlessly respond to the emotional outbursts, the blind fear, of some people. Regulatory action must be based only on sound scientific evidence, not paranoia. It would be irresponsible of the government to do it any other way." How right he is.

Rich Bator, CGCS, golf course superintendent of the Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y., received a 1980 Citation of Performance Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. The award was presented by President Mel Lucas at the close of the 1980 PGA Championship at Oak Hill, held during the first of August. Bator was cited for his preparation of the course for the tournament and expertise and performance in his profession.

Mark Boorman has been appointed Assistant Director of the National Golf Foundation's Information Services, according to Don Rossi, Executive Director of NGF. Boorman will assist Harry Eckhoff in production of the monthly "Golf Market Report" and with development and updating of NGF's golf course planning and operational manuals and the Foundation's library of some 150 information sheets pertaining to all facets of the business of golf.

An updated edition of "All about OSHA" is available free from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The sixth annual National Golf Foundation Daily Fee Workshop is scheduled for November 16-19 at the Dunes Hotel and Country Club in Las Vegas. The workshop will emphasize group discussion, with experts also speaking on subjects covering every aspect of golf course operation. For more information, contact NGF, 200 Castlewood Dr., North Palm Beach, FL 33408. Their telephone is 205/525-6138.

The 21st Illinois Turfgrass Conference and Regional Show will be held December 16-18, at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield. Contact the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, P.O. Box 501, Urbana, IL 61801.

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**Idea file**

**Protective liners for turf vehicles**

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With the cost of golf course maintenance vehicles over $4,000, here is an idea one might try to help protect the rear box on the vehicle. At the Golden Horseshoe golf course, the mechanic built thin wooden liners that could be placed inside the rear box.

The liners were built of 3/8-inch exterior plywood and then painted with three coats of enamel paint. Steel braces were used in the corners of the box to add extra strength.

After the vehicles are washed each evening, the boxes are raised to allow drying of the steel bed during the night. Such liners have added five years to the life of our vehicles' rear boxes.