

American Sod Producers Visit Midwest Farms

CULTIVATED sod growers visited producers in the Kansas City area this year for their American Sod Producers Association annual convention. They saw sod being produced during some adverse dry weather along with many different types of demonstrations tied to management.

Most unique was the Weeks Sod and Walnut Farm where sod is grown between rows of trees in the Briggs walnut orchard which is a most unusual double cropping system. Weeks claims to have the only walnut orchard in the nation and re-

ports it is highly successful. He finds a demand market for walnut hulls and the walnut meats are also readily salable. He also grows some sod for market in addition to the orchard acreage.

The Latta-Scholes, Inc., sod farm was the site of ground preparation, seeding and maintenance equipment demonstrations. Other demonstrations on both harvesting and cultural practices were held at the J. L. Harris Sod Farm, where Harris alone handles 80 acres; the Meyers Turf Farms which is a major operation of more than 1000 acres in-

cluding some zoysia and general farming; and the Mell Briggs Turf Farm featuring harvesting and irrigation.

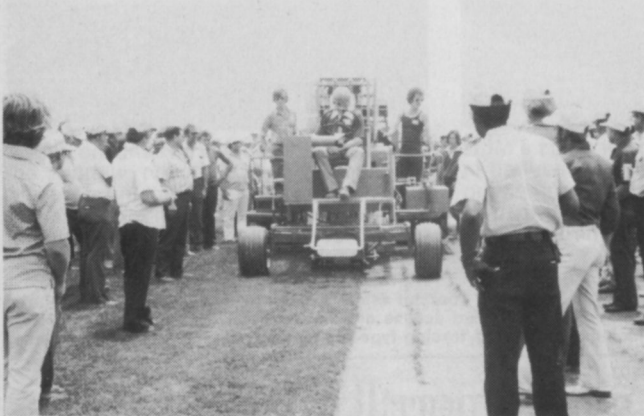
Membership as announced at the July 17 business meeting is now 300 and demonstrates significant growth for the association. Gerry Brouwer, Brouwer Sodds, Ltd., Keswick, Ontario, Canada, has served as membership chairman and introduced his "key man" group of member recruiters. A "key man" is appointed in each state to solicit members on a personal basis and the program has proved highly successful in



From left: new ASPA President, Norm LeGrande of Nebraska, Secretary, Charles Lain of New Jersey, Director, Glenn Rehebin of Minnesota, and Treasurer, Tom Thornton of Illinois.



The Brouwer Sod Harvester operates under the critical eyes of some 200 sod producers. Most major sod equipment manufacturers demonstrated at the field days.



This Princeton model prepares to cut a row of sod at the field demonstrations.



John Latta, Latta-Scholes Sod Farm, directs a tour of his operation.

most areas.

Election of directors at the business meeting and officers by the board included Norman LeGrande, Hendricks Sodding and Landscaping, Lincoln, Neb., as the new president. LeGrande previously served as a member of the Board of Trustees and was the board Liaison Director for the 1975 convention. Vice-president for the upcoming year is Charles Lain of Pine Island Turf Nursery, Inc., Sussex New Jersey. Glenn Rehbein, Circle Pines, Minnesota, will serve as secretary. And Tom Thornton, Thornton's Turf Nursery, Elgin, Illinois, is the newly elected treasurer.

New members of the Board of Trustees include: Glenn Rehbein; John Hope, Manderly Turf Farms, Ltd., North Gower, Ontario, Canada; and Charles Davis, Wharton Turf Farms, Wharton, Texas. Davis is the retiring A.S.P.A. president.

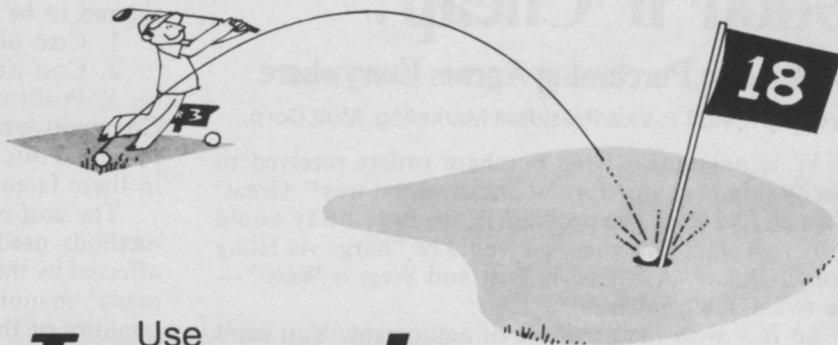
Plans were also announced at the meeting to hold their annual mid-winter conference on the gulf side of Florida, February 5-6, 1976. The Sheraton Sand Key Hotel in Clearwater will serve as the meeting headquarters. □



Red Harris explains his one-man operation. Harris grows and harvests nearly 80 acres of sod.

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