Florida Superintendents Give Record Donation to GCSAA Research

Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association (FGCSA) recently presented a $5,000 check to the Scholarship and Research Fund of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). The contribution has been designated for turfgrass research.

"This is the single, largest contribution by a local golf course superintendents association to our Scholarship and Research Fund," said Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS, Chairman, GCSAA Scholarship and Research Committee.

"The contribution by the Florida GCSA plays a major role in our combines attempt to improve the game of golf," said Faubel. "Florida is truly a leader in turfgrass research. This is a very, very significant contribution."

Tom Burrows, president of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association, said of the donation: "The golf course superintendents throughout Florida know that turfgrass research is very important to the future of golf.

We know that our contributions and the resultant research will improve golf courses for the golfer."

The FGCSA is composed of nine local chapters covering the State of Florida. The 1985 efforts of those local chapters and the FGCSA have resulted in recent contributions of the $5,000 to GCSAA and $17,000 to the Florida Turfgrass Foundation to support turfgrass research at the University of Florida.

GCSAA and the United States Golf Association (USGA) are currently co-sponsoring research to develop turfgrasses that require less maintenance and 50 percent less water yet are still playable and pleasing to the eye. Significant progress already is being made.

The turfgrass research has benefited and will continue to benefit not only the game of golf but the agricultural industry and the world as well.

"The Cooperation between the USGA and the GCSAA has never been better, and these strong bonds can be increased through the efforts of turfgrass research," said Faubel. "Without groups like Florida, and leaders like Tom Burrows, we could not make the financial impact on research that we have been able to make.

"And contributors can be assured that their money will benefit golf. The USGA/GCSAA Research Committee has established very rigid standards for research. This committee is truly seeking to find solutions."

In 1985 alone, GCSAA has contributed $50,000 to turfgrass scholarship and research. ■

Orthene Tree & Ornamental Label Additions

Recently, EPA issued a final approval for the addition of Imported Fire Ants to our Federal Label. Label copy reads as follows:

NON CROP AREAS: Imported Fire Ants - Apply 1 oz. per 5 gallons of spray solution as a mound drench. Sprinkle 1 gallon of diluted mix over a 4 foot diameter circle over the mound. As a dust treatment, evenly distribute 1 to 2 teaspoons per mound. Grass in treated areas may be injured. For best results, apply the material early in the morning or late in the afternoon when fire ants are active. Applications made during prolonged hot, dry conditions may be ineffective due to ants being located deep within the mound. Do not treat mounds more than once per season. ■

Ransomes Distributors Given Trip to England

JOHNSON CREEK, WISCONSIN. . . Ransomes, Inc., a leading U.S. manufacturer of commercial turf care equipment, recently hosted a trip to England for nineteen of its top North American distributors and their wives.

Among the highlights of the trip were visits to The Institute of Groundsmanship International Exhibition, which was held at the Royal Windsor Racecourse, and Ransomes Sims & Jefferies production facilities in Ipswich.

While in the U.K., the visitors were given an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with several of their English counterparts and to discuss emerging technologies in the turf grass industry.

The group also visited Brighton to see the imaginative work of a prestigious seaside town's Parks Department and enjoyed an afternoon sight-seeing excursion to historic Cambridge.

The trip marked the culmination of a record sales year for the American firm. ■