

## Mizuno pays \$10M for Showboat

Showboat, Inc. has sold Showboat Country Club and Showboat Sports, Inc. for approximately \$10 million to Mizuno Enterprises, U.S.A., Inc.

Showboat Sports, Inc., is a wholly owned subsidiary of Showboat, Inc. and operates the country club in Las Vegas, Nev.

Showboat, Inc., through its subsidiaries, operates casino hotel resorts in Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

Ken Mizuno is chairman of the board and chief executive officer

## Los Coyotes first JCB merchant

Bank of America has signed Los Coyotes Country Club in Buena Park, Calif., as its first JCB credit card merchant.

"Soon all of our clients throughout California will be able to process and settle sales transactions for five major credit cards utilizing one deposit and have their transactions reported on a consolidated monthly BofA statement," said Bank of America Senior Vice President Joe Fontana. The five credit cards are VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, Carte Blanche and JCB.

## OSU given grant money

Seed Research of Oregon has awarded a \$500 research grant to the Oregon State University Department of Horticulture.

OSU will use the money for turf research being undertaken by Associate Professor Tom Cook and his students.

## Course plans renovation

River Trails Park District in Arlington Heights, Va., which bought Rob Roy golf course for \$590,000 in August, has started renovation on the nine-hole facility.

Golf Facilities Manager Tom Snyders said crews have finished an initial clean-up for the maintenance garage. More work in the garage, clubhouse and golf shop are planned after the course closes for the season on Nov. 15. before winter.

## Lake Nona makes plans

Lake Nona resort in Florida is planning a pay-for-play golf course and a business-style hotel.

The course will be open to Lake Nona homeowners and area residents.

## 'Green industry' associations join forces

New council will act as voice on landscape and environmental issues

Nine "green industry" associations have agreed to form the Landscape & Environmental Resource Council as a unified voice on issues affecting the industry and to cooperate with each other on joint projects.

The decision was made Sept. 21 at a meeting of elected and staff executives from the American Society of Landscape Architects; American

Sod Producers Association, Associated Landscape Contractors of America, International Society of Arboriculture, Irrigation Association, National Arborist Association, Professional Grounds Management Society, Professional Lawn Care Association of America, and the Lawn Institute.

A March 29 meeting has been set to formalize the coun-

cil and plan its future directions, endorsing a mission statement, developing formal guidelines for governance, identifying issues and acting on reporting, public relations and funding.

The group has already agreed to undertake an economic profile survey of its nine member associations.

It also plans to circulate appropriate publications in de-

velopment for review and potential endorsement, expand its inventory listing of education programs and publications, identify legislative and regulatory issues of potential importance to the associations, and develop computer-linking specifications and procedures.

ASPA President Randy Tischer served as acting chairman at the first meeting.

