

LETTERS

Too much of wrong fertilizers used

To the Editor:

I read your article (commentary by Fertilizer Institute President Gary D. Myers defending use of artificial fertilizers) in the December issue of *Golf Course News*.

Your article, I think, is very good; however, you did not go far enough on the pollution of the streams. The salt that every winter is put on the highways, let me ask, where does this finally land? — the stream, no more fresh-water fish.

I agree the farmers and the golf courses are using too much of the wrong kind of fertilizers.

I have been general manager for 25 years at Hominy Hill Farms and Homily Hill Golf Course.

In these years I have made a complete study of the soil at Hominy Hill.

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in the world.

One year I exhibited seven different hay samples in a show that had over 600 hay samples; I won five first places and two seconds, for Grand Champion and Reserved Champion.

On the golf course the last 10 years I was there, I developed a method of fertilization, etc. that grew the nicest, healthiest grass.

With these methods I save a great deal of money in spending for unwanted fertilizer.

Some of these methods would apply to the farmer and to the golf course superintendent.

Sincerely,
Harvey C. Dreibelbis
Freehold, N.J.

Ed Hoffman healthy and active

To the Editor:

Unfortunately, the press release issued by CMAA (Club Managers Association of America) understandably created the wrong impression as evidenced by the story in your December 1989 issue headlined: "Ill health forces Hoffman to resign."

I am writing to clarify the situation so that you and your readers know I am alive and well as well as to inform them of my future plans, which allow me to continue to serve our industry and all professionals serving clubs.

I was forced to retire from active club management due to arthritis which hampers my mobil-

ity to some degree. This caused a change of CMAA membership from active to retired status, which precluded my continuance as president of CMAA.

I shall remain as chairman of Conference '90 and will remain active in association activities.

In concert with Josep Auerbach, Horace Duncan, James Goslin, Richard Maynes and W.R. "Red" Steger, all of whom are former CMAA presidents, we have founded Club Professional Outplacement, Inc. (*Editor's note: See story on page 9.*)

Our organization will serve club professionals nationwide through offices in California, Illinois, Kansas, North Carolina, Rhode Island and Texas and is the only outplacement service for club professionals exclusively. We sincerely feel this concept will benefit our industry and the dedicated professionals who serve it.

Sincerely,
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Informative, well paced

To the Editor:

I would like to compliment you on a great job servicing the golf course design and construction business with *Golf Course News*. Your articles are highly informative, well paced and objective.

As the principal of Richard and Associates, I have recently expressed my confidence in *Golf Course News* by becoming an active commercial advertiser.

Richard and Associates is a full-service golf course project consulting firm.

Sincerely,
Ray Richard
Richard and Associates,
Sagamore Beach, Mass.

Moratorium in Illinois town

A moratorium on building permits in an area known as the river bottom has stopped construction of a driving range and a golf course in the Illinois city of Columbia.

The city council imposed the ban in December while awaiting a report on how the industrially zoned land should be used. That report is expected in April.

Meanwhile, work on the Jefferson Barracks Golf Tee and Recreation Center as well as a local golf course being built by investors Charles Dodd and Jim Watkins, has ground to a halt.

A stop-work order was issued to the driving range, which had a building permit. The developers have filed a suit in Munroe County Circuit Court to have it lifted.

No stop-work order was necessary for the golf course, which had not been granted a permit. However, some work had been done on the project because, Watkins claims, the building inspector told him there would be no problem getting a permit.



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