

Walden president of Nat'l Golf Car Manufacturers' Assoc.

AUGUSTA, Ga. — L.T. Walden, executive vice president of E-Z-GO Textron, was recently named president of the National Golf Car Manufacturers' Association for 1991.

The election took place during the organization's first-quarter business session held in conjunction with the Professional Golf Association's Annual Merchandise Show in Orlando, Fla.

Walden, a native of Gibson, Ga., began his career with E-Z-GO in 1962, just eight years after the company's founding by brothers Beverly and Bill Dolan in a small



L.T. Walden

Augusta workshop.

Over the years, Walden has played a major role in the company's rapid growth from a small

firm to one of the world's largest utility vehicle manufacturers.

E-Z-GO has more than 1,000 employees and 500,000 square feet of manufacturing space. The company produced 35,000-plus vehicles last year.

In 1981, Walden was appointed director of service and distribution for E-Z-GO and in 1983 vice president of customer service.

Walden was made the vice president of sales and marketing in 1985 and subsequently served as executive vice president of the Georgia-based company.

Last November Walden was appointed acting general manager of the entire E-Z-GO Textron organization.

In accepting the presidency of the National Golf Car Manufacturers' Association, Walden pledged his loyalty and commitment to the

best interests of the association and the industry at large.

"It's indeed an honor to serve my outstanding associates and peers in this leadership role," he said.

"As I exercise my duties, you can count on me to do everything possible to live up to the confidence and trust that this fine group has bestowed upon me."

The new National Golf Car Manufacturers' Association president can be contacted by writing E-Z-GO Division of Textron, Inc., P.O. Box 338, Marvin Griffin Rd., Augusta, Ga. 30913 or by telephoning 404-798-4311.

James appointed director of RISE

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Allen James has been appointed executive director of the Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE), a new organization formed to address issues affecting the \$1.3 billion specialty pesticides industry.

A main function of RISE is to explain the benefits to society of the proper use of pesticides, including public health. Membership will be drawn primarily from the basic manufacturers, formulators and distributors of specialty pesticides, as well as associations, media, academia and equipment manufacturers.

A North Carolina native, James since 1987 had been president of International Sanitary Supply Association, Chicago, Ill. He also had been county executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The Oregon GC names head pro

WEST LINN, Ore. — Pat Fitzsimons, former PGA Tour professional, has been named the first head professional of The Oregon Golf Club, near Portland.

The private club, under construction by Golf Service Group of Houston, Texas, is scheduled for play July 4, 1992.

Fitzsimons, 40, a native of Salem, won the 1968 Oregon Open as a 17-year-old amateur and in 1969, while still an amateur, won the Northwest Open. He won the 1975 Los Angeles Open as a professional and the Pacific Northwest PGA championship three times.

Tour pro and Portland native Peter Jacobsen is director of golf for The Oregon GC and is co-architect with Ken Kavanaugh, Tucson, Ariz.

Johnson adds management arm

DALLAS — Johnson Golf Course Construction Co. has added a golf course management division.

Operations manager Kenneth L. Wyninger of Corpus Christi, Texas, brings 17 years of experience in the golf industry as consultant, manager and superintendent.

Wyninger holds a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture with emphasis on turfgrasses. He is a graduate of the National Golf Foundation's Management School.

JGCC has obtained a lease for the University of Mississippi's B.O. Van Hook Golf Course in Hattiesburg, the first lease arrangement for the state of Mississippi's university system.

Within the first three months of the lease, JGCC has started renovation of the golf course by adding several greens and sandtraps and rebuilding nine tees. Rebuilding will continue until the golf course has been completely renovated and a new nine constructed to give Van Hook GC a total of 27 holes.

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