

## Southern Turf Nurseries announces appointments Agronomy, horticulture specialists add expertise to operations

ATLANTA, Ga. — Southern Turf Nurseries has named James Bridges Jr. general manager of its Fredericksburg, Va., production farm and appointed Don W. Roberts consulting turf agronomist.

Bridges has more than 26 years experience in turfgrass management and has worked in golf course construction.

Bridges received a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Mississippi State University in 1966, and in 1978 completed the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America certification program. He has served as president of the Tennessee Golf Course

Association, Southern Turfgrass Association, and Tennessee Turfgrass Association.

Prior to joining Southern Turf on Nov. 1, Roberts worked for Pennington Enterprises Inc., where he served as senior agronomist in charge of research and development, fine turf seed marketing, and as golf course consultant for the U.S. Air Force. Roberts has worked with the University of



J. Bridges

Georgia Extension Service, and Clemson University Horticulture Department as coordinator of their turfgrass integrated pest management program.

He holds a bachelor's degree in horticulture from the University of Georgia College of Agriculture, and a master's degree in horticulture and turf pathology from Clemson University.



D. Roberts

## Vigoro names Smith president of specialty items

John R. Smith has been appointed president of the specialty products division of Vigoro Industries, Inc., Fairview Heights, Ill.

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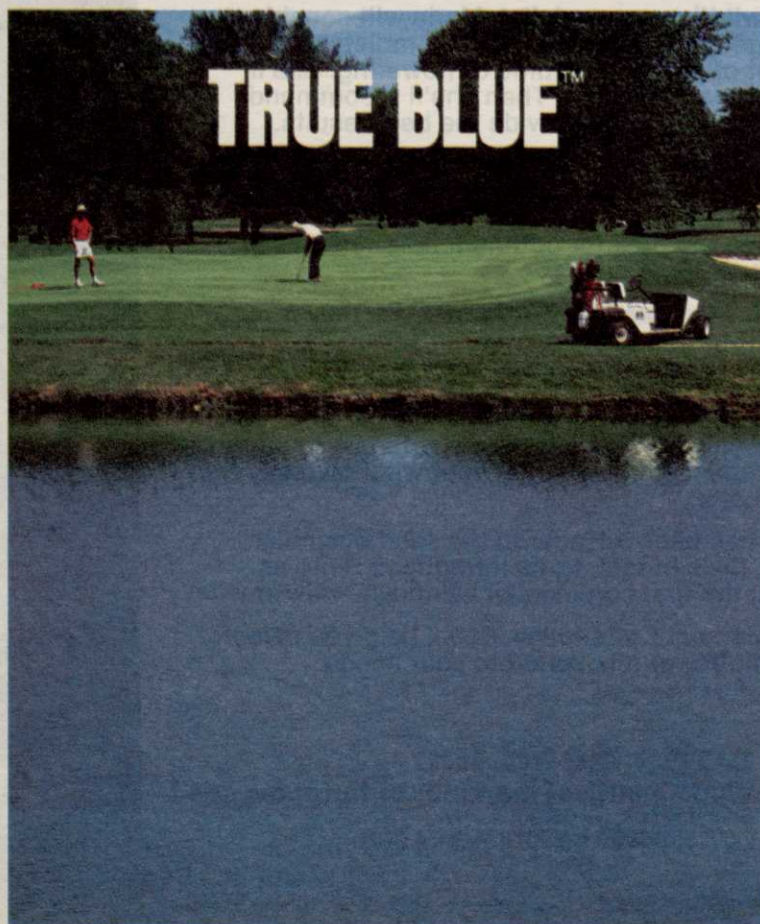
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