

## Patten Seed Co. backs business park golf course

PEACHTREE CITY, Ga. — Golf course architect Rocky Roquemore will design the 18-hole Planterra Ridge golf course — the first in Atlanta to be a golf amenity for a business park. To be incorporated into Southpark International business park, Planterra Ridge will be owned and operated by Patten Seed Co.

The new club will be affiliated with Flat Creek Golf Club so that members will have playing privileges on the 27 holes at Flat Creek and 18 at Braelinn Golf Club in Peachtree City, in addition to Planterra Ridge. Members will also have reciprocal playing privileges at the 36-hole Canongate-on-White Oak as well as the 18-hole courses at

Canongate I and Chapel Hills.

Planterra Ridge is slated to open during the summer of 1994. Set among hardwoods along Line Creek in the western section of Peachtree City, the layout will be accented by a steep ridge.

The Planterra Ridge golf course will act as a buffer between the wetlands and adjacent development, and as a transition from the industrial park to a residential area. The south nine will wind through the industrial park which will include a number of golf office sites. The north nine will border the new Planterra Ridge community which will eventually have 420 mid-price homes.

## TD&D gets NFL stamp of approval

OLATHE, Kan. — Turf Diagnostics & Design, a leader in applying the USGA perched-water table concept to the high performance athletic field market, has been recommended by the National Football League office to the 28 league teams and/or controlling stadium facility authorities for the evaluation of their high performance turf systems.

The first successful use of the perched water table concept for athletic fields was the University of Florida stadium field for the

Gators. TD&D has been involved in the design phase of NFL, Major League Baseball and NCAA stadiums and practice facilities.

TD&D has acted as agronomic consultant/quality control agent during the construction and initial establishment of the turf systems. TD&D is currently supporting the installation of the training complex for the San Diego Padres/Seattle Mariners in Peoria, Ariz., the Univ. of Buffalo stadium field, and the farm team stadium for the N.Y. Mets in Norfolk, Va.

## EcoScience Corp. earns \$105,000 grant to research aquatic weeds

WORCESTER, Mass. — EcoScience Corporation (NASDAQ:ECSC) has announced receipt of a \$105,000 award from the State of Minnesota for research leading to the biological control of the aquatic weed, Eurasian watermilfoil.

This program is being conducted concurrently with EcoScience's development of a bioherbicide for milfoil control, Aqua-Fyte.

Milfoil, one of the most problematic aquatic weeds in North America, infests and clogs lakes and waterways. Since the 1960s when milfoil was brought into the U.S., the infestation has expanded to 38 states. The current means of control are either undesirable or too costly for many of the potential applications, such as recreational ponds and reservoirs.

Estimated current annual revenues in aquatic weed control in the U.S. are \$35 million. This market is expected to grow significantly with the availability of environmentally compatible weed control products.

EcoScience is developing aquatic weed control products incorporating naturally occurring microorganisms as the control agent. The goal of the Minnesota-funded research is to identify additional strains of a naturally occurring fungus that will act across broader temperature ranges and that are more aggressive than current isolates. EcoScience plans to conduct field trials this summer with promising isolates identified and evaluated during the past year.

EcoScience Corporation is engaged in the discovery, development and commercialization of natural pest control products (biopesticides) and horticultural products and growing systems. The company has biopesticides under development for the control of insect, weeds and disease of plants, fruits and vegetables.

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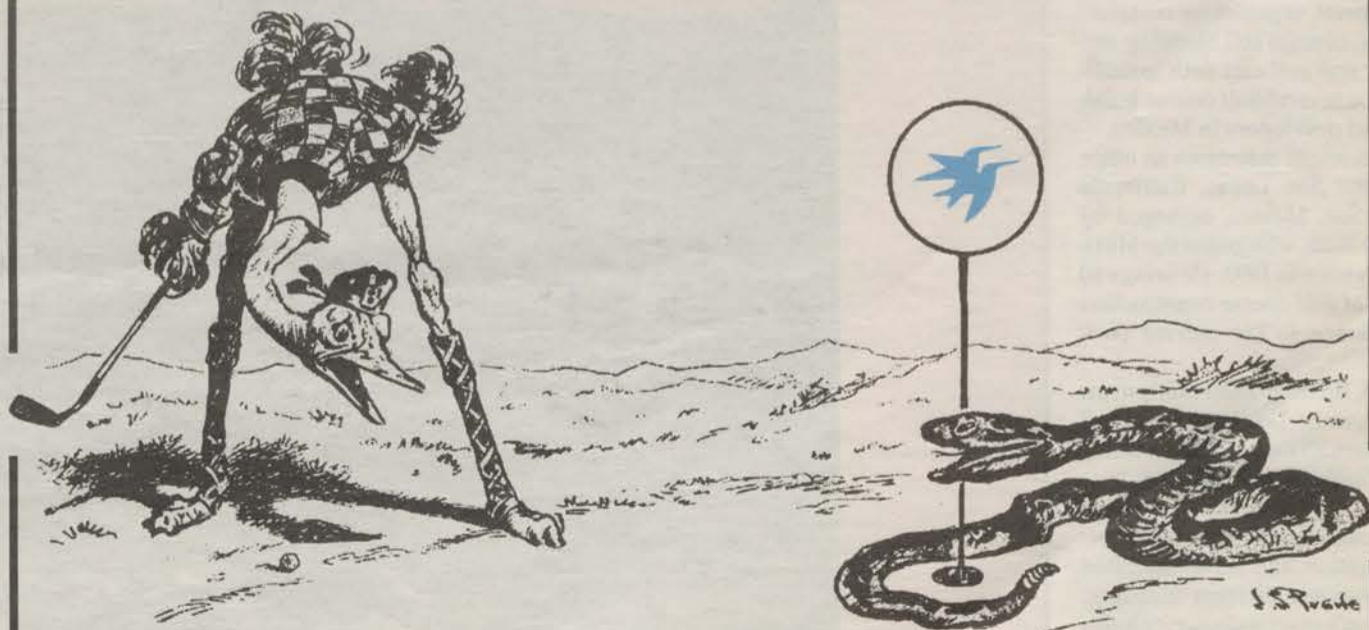
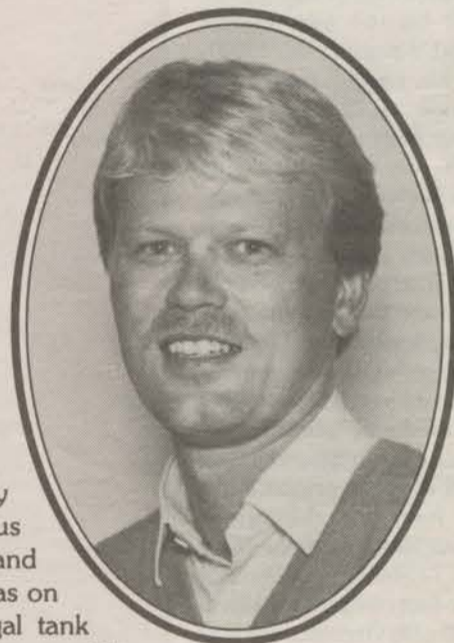
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