

BRIEFS



UMASS OFFERS GREEN SCHOOL

AMHERST, Mass. — Green School, the University of Massachusetts' Comprehensive Extension System's educational training program for Green Industry professionals, will run



from Jan. 5 to March 24. The program is designed to

provide training in horticulture fundamentals and the relationship of those fundamentals to environmental quality. Intended to instill a sense of stewardship the school will teach integrated pest management.

JENKINS CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESIDENT

Brian M. Jenkins of Dubsread Municipal Golf Course in Orlando has leaped from the secretary-treasurer position to president of the Central Florida Chapter of the Florida GCSA in the wake of resignations from President Chuck Blankenship and Vice President Donald W. McCommon of Ventura Golf and Country Club in Orlando. Blankenship also resigned his position at Ridgewood to pursue other interests in the industry.

CANADIAN CONCLAVE SET

OTTAWA, Ontario, Canada — The 46th Canadian Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show March 11-14 at the Ottawa Congress Centre will embrace the Canada Golf Superintendents Association's 28th annual meeting



March 13. Speakers and their topics include keynoter Alan Simmons, teamwork among staff on golf courses; Dr. Joseph Vargas, integrated approaches to turfgrass disease control; Dr. Harry Niemczyk, integrated pest management, and John Gavett/Michael Kernaghan, effectively dealing with pesticide issues.

BIODIVERSITY TREATY AGAIN DELAYED

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, has set aside a vote on ratification of the international Convention on Biological Diversity until the Senate reconvenes in January. Opponents say it potentially overrides U.S. sovereignty in regards to land use.

ISS INKS PACT

SEBASTIAN, Fla. — ISS Golf Services has signed an agreement with the city of Sebastian for the maintenance of its golf course here. By contracting the golf course maintenance, the City hopes to cut its losses and turn a profit. ISS now maintains 15 public, semi-private, and private golf courses.

USGA consults wildlife groups on research

By MARK LESLIE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Citing a lack of research on the effects of golf course construction on wildlife, the U.S. Golf Association has set aside \$100,000 a year for the next three years to fill this void.



USGA officials will meet here with wildlife agencies and associations the first week of November to discuss how to best spend the funds.

"We're rounding up the National Wildlife Federation, Environmental Defense Fund and others who have an interest in wildlife and scientists from the Department of Fish and Game and other agencies," said USGA Green Section National Director Jim Snow. "We'll get everyone in one room and ask what they think the priorities should be for spending the money. Once we have their opinions, we will get together and seek proposals from scientists whose field is wildlife rather than turf.

"We hope to be able to start funding sometime in 1995."

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Green Section adding regional offices

By MARK LESLIE

FAR HILLS, N.J. — The U.S. Golf Association Green Section, which opened its first sub-regional office this summer, intends to reconfigure existing regions and perhaps add others, to be more effective and cost-efficient.

The moves will place USGA agronomists closer to clients and cut costs. The Green Section has been "heavily subsidized by the USGA" since the Turf Advisory Service's (TAS) inception in 1951, according to National Director Jim Snow. "TAS is a service to golf and that's part of our charter. We can't charge clubs enough to pay for it."

Fourteen agronomists and regional directors staff TAS in seven national regional offices. The first change came

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Audubon Program's newest addition

CHESTERTON, Ind. — The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS), a joint effort program between the Audubon Society of New York State and the United States Golf Association, has announced that Sand Creek Country Club has joined the program.

According to Jean Mackay, staff ecologist for New York Audubon, "The open space of a golf course is utilized not only by golfers, but is a habitat for a variety of wildlife species. We welcome Sand Creek's commitment to the environment and to managing the golf course with wildlife in mind."

Through the program, Sand Creek will become involved in programs that enhance habitats for wildlife on the golf course and preserve natural resources for the benefit of the local community.



Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton, Ind., has joined the list of golf courses that have joined the New York Audubon's Cooperative Sanctuary System. The 9th hole of Sand Creek's new nine that will open next spring looks toward a dense stand of mature woods and wetlands. It is one of the major areas that will benefit from the club's participation in the program to enhance wildlife.

Golf House Tennessee course tests multiple bent, Bermuda cultivars

FRANKLIN, Tenn.—The Tennessee Golf Foundation's dream of developing a unique turf research center is becoming reality, as grow-in of The Little Course at Aspen Grove continues apace.

The Little Course at Aspen Grove, a nine hole short course with an extensive variety of turfs, will surround Golf House Tennessee here, just minutes south of Nashville. Golf House Tennessee, a renovated ante-bellum structure built in 1842, has been designed as a state-of-the-art junior golf learning center. It will also be one of the first facilities to house all of the state's major golf organizations under

one roof: The Tennessee Golf Association, Tennessee Section PGA, Women's and Junior Golf Associations, Golf Course Superintendents and Club Managers.

Golf course architect Bob Cupp, who donated his services, designed The Little Course at Aspen Grove, located on land adjacent to The Legends Club of Tennessee, a 36-hole layout designed by Cupp and Tom Kite.

The Little Course features holes ranging from 84 to 228 yards with 11 bunkers, two lakes, two double greens, an 18-hole putting course and practice tees for junior clinics

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The Little Course at Aspen's 17,000-square-foot Vince Gill Putting Course sports a dozen varieties of bentgrass, for observation purposes.

WHERE THEY'RE GOING

New Tri-Mountain track hires Stephens

RIDGEFIELD, Wash. — David Stephens has been named head superintendent at Tri-Mountain Golf Course, which opened here this summer (*Golf Course News*, Aug. '94).



Dave Stephens

Stephens joined Tri-Mountain from Orchard Hills Golf & Country Club in Washington. Prior to his tenure at Orchard, he served 11 years as course foreman at Portland (Ore.) Golf Club where he was involved in the 1982 U.S. Senior Open and the 1986, '87 and '88 Fred Meyer Challenge tournaments.

Having attended Portland State University and Portland Community College, Stephens is a graduate of the Golf Construction Techniques and Management course offered by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. He lives in Camas.

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