

# Clippings

*Brief bits of news from in and around the golf business . . .*

The recently formed **Oregon Golf Course Owners Association** "has progressed nicely," according to **Jerry Claussen**, who will be serving a second term as president in 1979. Golf director and co-owner of the Golf Club of Oregon in Albany, Claussen told GOLF BUSINESS that the OGCOA "now has 31 member clubs, meets quarterly for education and information exchanges, and expects next year to tackle the problem of inconsistent property tax assessment practices on golf courses in different counties."

Other 1979 OGCOA officers will be Vice President **Mike Payette**, Oak Knoll GC, Independence; and Secretary/Treasurer **Keith Bowman**, Bowman's Resort GC, Wemme.

Among the ski touring centers listed in Ski Magazine's **5th Annual Guide to Cross Country Skiing** were two dozen centers affiliated directly with one or more golf courses to provide facilities for cross country skiing. These facilities are located in two Canadian provinces and in 10 states from New Hampshire to Nevada. We know there are many more golf courses that offer cross country skiing in the winter months; if yours is one of them, why not use the reader forum card in the back of this magazine to let us know about your operation?



**Three brand new Greens King II mowers** like the one above will be awarded by the manufacturer, Jacobsen Turf Products, to owners of the three oldest extant Greens Kings. The giveaway, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the popular machine, will culminate in special ceremonies at the GCSAA show in Atlanta in February. Jacobsen will screen serial numbers and dates of purchase for the oldest, then distributors will verify the information and usage. If you think you own one of the three oldest Greens Kings, send your name and address, the serial number of your machine, the date of purchase, and the name of the distributor to Greens King, Jacobsen Turf Products, 1721 Packard Ave., Racine, WI 53403 before January 15, 1979.

Although overshadowed by the

announcements of the first Polish Pope, the golf business made the front page in the Cleveland Press recently. Unfortunately, the news was not good: **real estate developers are taking over five golf courses** in the Greater Cleveland area and plan to turn most of the land into housing developments. The courses involved are Tam-A-Rac and Lost Nation in Willoughby, Homelinks in Olmsted Township, Lyndhurst GC, and Moreland Hills CC. Private citizens and several organizations are monitoring the situation to see if it appears a serious threat to open space in the area.

University of Maine **entomologist Dr. John Dimond** recently gave an illustrated talk on the spruce budworm to the Maine Golf Course Superintendents, pointing out that the chance of serious injury to isolated spruce and fir trees on golf courses is remote. He said that spraying might help for cosmetic purposes, but the lives of individual trees are not threatened.

Sierra Pines Golf Club, a new 9-hole daily fee course in Twain Harte, Calif., recently became the 273rd member club of the Northern California Golf Association. **Charles Mangold** is the course proprietor; **Dick Mitchell** is the golf course superintendent.

**Tim Miles**, who was superintendent and manager of Sugar Creek GC in Villa Park, Ill., resigned and took the same position at Sportsman GC when it was purchased by the Northbrook Park District.

**Ray Marshall** was appointed superintendent at Mission Viejo CC (Calif.) after **Marvin King** left there for Meadowlark GC in Huntington Beach . . . **Tom Brown** is the new superintendent at Irvine Coast CC in Newport Beach, Calif. . . . **Steve Carlton** moved from Pomona National in Walnut, Calif., to the superintendent's job at Los Coyotes CC in Buena Park.

**Paul Morgan** has joined Lakeshore Equipment & Supply Co. in Elyria, Ohio, to work on product development. Formerly a certified golf course superintendent, Morgan worked in that capacity at several courses, including 15 years at Brown's Run in Middletown. A member of GCSAA and the Greater Cincinnati GCSA, he is a former president of the Midwest Regional Turfgrass Foundation, Ohio Turfgrass Foundation, and (twice) Miami Valley GCSA . . . also at LESCO, **Clifford Belden** has been named the Hudson Valley representative. Belden worked on golf course crews as a youth, and his father is superintendent at High Mountain GC in Franklin Lakes, N.J. . . . **Don Friihauf** is the new LESCO Lake Erie representative; he was assistant superintendent at The Pepper Pike (Ohio) Club and belongs to GCSAA and the Northwest Pennsylvania Chapter of GCSAA.

**Clarke Staples** has been named field sales manager for OMC-Lincoln's Cushman and Ryan turf care equipment lines; he has more than 10 years experience in turf equipment.

**Hal G. Dickey** has been appointed turf seed marketing manager for North American Plant Breeders (NAPB). Based at NAPB headquarters in Mission, Kan., Dickey will be responsible for market planning, advertising and promotion, sales, and liaison with

university experiment stations. He was previously involved in the introduction and marketing of Manhattan ryegrass and Penncross creeping bentgrass.

**John Fitzgerald** has been named director of the Turf Products Division of Century Toro Distributors, Inc. Based in Toledo, Ohio, the firm sells Toro, Ryan, National, Smithco, Lebanon, Milorganite, Standard Golf, and ParAide products in parts of Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, and Indiana.

Ag Industries Mfg. Corp. has appointed **H. J. Baker & Bro., Inc.** its sales agent to the fertilizer manufacturing industry of AIM's production of sulfur coated urea.

Rodale Resources Inc., manufacturer of pond and lake water aeration systems, has appointed **John Taylor** as business manager. At the same time, **Steve Belzner** was appointed coordinator for golf course and park water quality improvement, and **Tom Easley** was named service manager. Belzner and Easley are two-thirds of a Rodale Resources water quality improvement team recently announced by Taylor. The third member of the team works with fisheries.



Taylor Belzner Easley

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation and the Cooperative Extension Service will co-sponsor the **19th annual Illinois Turfgrass Conference** held December 12-14 at the Ramada Inn in Champaign. For details, contact the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation at 110 S. Roberts Rd., Palos Hills, IL 60465.

The Maryland Turfgrass Council will host **Turfgrass '79** at the Baltimore Hilton in Baltimore January 8-10. For details, contact Charles Darrah, Dept. of Agronomy, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 (phone 301/454-3715).

The **15th annual Northern California Turfgrass & Environmental Landscape Exposition** will be conducted by the Northern California Turfgrass Council January 24-25, 1979, at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds Hall of Flowers in San Mateo. Contact: NCTC, Box 268, Lafayette, CA 94549 (phone 415/283-6162).

January 24-25 will also be the dates of the **Virginia Turfgrass Conference** at the Colonial Williamsburg Conference Center in Williamsburg. Co-sponsors are the Virginia Turfgrass Council and the Cooperative Extension Service of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Contact: J. F. Shoulders, Extension Turf Specialist, Dept. of Agronomy, Cooperative Extension Service, VPI&SU, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

For listings of the time and place of other golf business and turf events in 1979, look in the special calendar section bound into the center of this magazine.