

Clippings

Brief news from in and around the golf business . . .

The Cleveland District Golf Association has given a new rating to the golf course at **The Country Club** in Pepper Pike, Ohio. "It's the first time we've ever substantially reduced the rating on a course because it was in such excellent condition," CDGA rating committee chairman Ed Preisler told a local newspaper. "The old course rating was 71.3, but it will now be played at 70.36." Credit for the new rating goes to course superintendent Al Muhle and his crew.

The late **Jack Ormond**, golf course superintendent at Canoe Brook Country Club for many years and a pioneer in fairway renovation and crabgrass control, was recently enshrined in the New Jersey Turfgrass Association Hall of Fame. Ormond began at Canoe Brook clearing land before construction of the golf course and served as superintendent from 1942 to 1968. He was a director of the New Jersey Golf Course Superintendents Association for six terms.

Jacobsen Manufacturing Co. presented its 1977 California Turf Equipment Top Volume Award to its leading U.S. distributor, the **B. Hayman Co.** President Ray McMicken accepted the award during ceremonies in Los Angeles last month.

Spokane, Wash., will host the **American Sod Producers Association's 12th annual Convention & Field Days** July 19-21. In addition to exhibits of sod industry supplies and equipment, the program includes of sod farming and seed production/processing facilities. Headquarters hotel will be the Sheraton-Spokane. Contact: ASPA, Association Building, 9th and Minnesota, Hasting, NE 68901 (phone 402/463-5691).

Dr. Joseph Duich of Penn State has informed us that the university's **1978 Turfgrass Field Days** will be held August 16-17 at the Joseph Valentine Turfgrass Research Center at Pennsylvania State University. For details, contact Dr. Duich at 21 Tyson Building, Department of Agronomy, University Park, PA 16802.

Executive Concepts, International, parent company of Brookhaven International, Ltd., is looking for a place to build a **very exclusive, very expensive private golf club and resort**. C. F. "Bud" Brooks, president of the Nevada-based corporation, said "We have been making inquiries and conducting feasibility studies of many locations in the Western hemisphere over the past year and have now reduced our prime considerations to a very few." Still in the running were Hawaii, two Caribbean islands, and southern U.S. sites.

The proposed club would have a tournament-specification 18-hole golf course, putting greens, driving range, tennis courts, saunas, and a \$2 million-plus clubhouse. A limited number of nontransferable lifetime memberships would be available "by invitation only" and would cost \$25,000 plus annual dues of \$5,000.

Municipalities thinking about building a golf course, whether it's their first or their fourth, will be interested in an 8-page pocket-size brochure offered by the American Society of Golf Course Architects. Titled **Planning the Municipal Golf Course**, the publication discusses space requirements, outlines methods of financing the development of municipal courses, and includes sample financial reports from facilities around the country. For a free copy, write to ASGCA, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60601.

Thinking about a golf vacation? Consider Virginia. The Virginia State Travel Service (6 North Sixth St., Richmond, VA 23219) offers a free **Golf in Virginia** directory listing 74 public and semi-private courses within the state. Each listing gives number of holes, course length, par, features, and a brief overall description.

Superintendents with nematodes or other problems requiring fumigation may want to contact Hendrix and Dail, Inc., **soil fumigation specialists** for prices and a copy of their free descriptive brochure. The company serves the area east of the Rocky Mountains "from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes." Write to Hendrix and Dail, Inc., P.O. Box 631, Greenville, NC 27834 or phone 919/758-4263.

Douglas T. Hawes, former professor of agronomy at the University of Maryland, is the new director, Mid-Continent Region, of the USGA Green Section . . . **Doug Ballenger**, former assistant pro at Hunt Valley GC near Baltimore and a member of the 1973 Walker Cup team, has joined the staff of G. L. Cornell Co. in Gaithersburg, Md., specializing in the leasing and rental of Harley-Davidson golf cars.



Ballenger Skelton West

James E. Skelton has been appointed coordinator of golf course operations for the Firestone CC in Akron, Ohio. He has been working on the Firestone courses in various capacities since 1966, most recently as working supervisor of the North and South courses . . .

John West has joined the staff of Lake Barrington Shores (Ill.) GC as superintendent of the residential-recreational community's 6,505-yard golf course, which is scheduled to open next month. West has 18 years experience in course maintenance, plus 8 months recently spent constructing golf courses for Moore Golf Co. of Culpeper, Va.

Rich Gardner is the new West Florida representative for Lakeshore Equipment & Supply Co. . . . **Richard L. Colman** will be plant manager of Ag Industries Mfg. Corp.'s new sulfur-coated fertilizer facility in Columbia, Ala. Scheduled to go into full production this summer, the plant will be the first of its kind in the United States.

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