

Clippings

Short pieces of news from in and around the golf business. . .

Golfers playing in the final two rounds of the PGA National Team Championship on the Magnolia course at Walt Disney World (Orlando, Fla., November 2-5) will be putting on all new greens. The course was closed on May 1 so that **Superintendent Larry Kamp-hause** could replant the greens with 328 hybrid bermudagrass. The Tidwarf which had been planted on the greens in 1971 was being supplanted by an alien variety of bermudagrass, tentatively identified as Pee Dee, Kamp-hause told GOLF BUSINESS. This is a fairly common problem in that part of the country, and similar plans have been made to renovate Disney World's Palm course next summer.

The Magnolia course was opened to guests at the Disney World Golf Resort on September 4, and the greens are in excellent condition for the tournament, Kamp-hause said.

Silver Springs Shores Country Club (near Ocala, Fla.) has been purchased from Amrep Corp., the real estate developer that built the club 8 years ago. The new owner, businessman **Ben Botner**, has appointed an entirely new staff; **John Young**, formerly of Continental CC in Wildwood, is now the superintendent at Silver Springs Shores. Botner has also opened the course and clubhouse to the public; under Amrep, the course was reserved for members and hotel guests only, and it was losing money, according to *Florida Golfweek*.

The National Golf Foundation recently appointed **Steve V. Mrak** regional director of the south central region of the United States: specifically, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. A recently retired Air Force colonel, Mrak is based in San Antonio.

Lorraine Abbott, who had been an NGF staff member for 10 years before taking a year's leave of absence, has assumed the position of NGF regional director for the Great Lakes region. Based in Oak Park, she is responsible for Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Fred Stewart, who formerly covered the Great Lakes region, is leaving the National Golf Foundation on December 1 to assume operation of his own golf course.

The Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association recently awarded a distinguished service plaque with a clock to **Garry N. Crothers, CGCS**. He had been superintendent at the Apawamis Club in Rye, N.Y., and co-editor of the MGCSA newsletter, *Tee to Green*, but has moved to Vermont to operate the Pinnacle Mt. ski resort. Crothers started in golf course maintenance with the crew at Winged Foot GC some 20 years ago and was active in both MGCSA and GCSAA. He and Ted Horton of Winged Foot have produced one of the very best local superintendents' newsletters in the country.

Gregg Webb, formerly superintendent at Oak Island GC, Yaupon Beach, N.C., has moved to Jacaranda CC in Plantation, Fla. . . .

Rodney Harris has moved to the superintendent's job at Pine Valley CC in Wilmington, N.C.; he had been at River Bend GC, New Bern, N.C. . . . **Charles Mason**, former assistant at Gates Four CC, Fayetteville, N.C., is now superintendent of Oak Island GC in Southport.

Ronald Mason recently accepted a job as superintendent of Oak View GC in Freeborn, Minn.; he had worked at Midland Hills CC in Roseville.

Grand Junction Pipe & Supply Co. has been named a full-line **franchised turf distributor for Rain Bird irrigation equipment** — sprinklers, valves, controllers, and accessories. The firm serves all Colorado counties west of the Rocky Mountains. Sales manager is Ron Jaynes.

Lofts Pedigreed Seed, Inc., Bound Brook, N.J., has opened a branch to service the mid-Atlantic region. The branch is named **Lofts/Maryland** and is located in Landover. Strick Newsom, Jr. has been named vice president and general manager of Lofts/Maryland. Vanessa Jensen has been named assistant vice president and assistant manager.



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Rain Bird Sprinkler Mfg. Corp. has promoted **Dave Davis** to manager of its training department, responsible for all internal and external programs. During his 7 years at Rain Bird, Davis has conducted 325 irrigation design schools with over 8,000 people in attendance. The company now offers 15 different training seminars and will expand the program under Davis.

Rain Bird also recently created two new positions for its turf market: **Ken Mills** is now turf product development manager, and **Carlyle "Cozz" Regele** is turf product technical manager. In addition, **Rodney McWhirter** has been promoted to eastern turf sales manager for Rain Bird Eastern Sales Corp. He has been with the firm since 1973.

The Toro Co. in Minneapolis recently announced the appointment of four vice presidents: **James R. Bostic**, vice president and general manager, Outdoor Appliance Div.; **David L. Mona**, vice president/communications; **Richard J. Hargarten**, vice president and director of physical distribution and administration, Outdoor Power Equipment Group; and **J. David McIntosh**, vice president and director of human resources.

The Irrigation Group of The Toro Co., Riverside, Calif., has promoted **Jon A. Bivens** to the new post of director of operations for

backflow prevention devices.

William E. Koch, Jr. has been appointed manager of the Chicagoland branch of Polaris E-Z-Go. He will direct sales, service, and parts activities for E-Z-Go golf car customers in the Illinois-Indiana territory.

Need replacement blades for flail mowers? Mensior Industries, Inc., of Highland, Mich., maintains large inventories of blades for most flail mowers — including Ford, John Deere, and Mott — and ships by UPS the same day the order is received. The replacement blades are made of high-carbon steel in a reversible design; they can be sharpened repeatedly. Mensior also claims their blades are priced about 40 percent below most original equipment blades. To order dial toll-free 800/521-9236 and give the make and model number of your flail mower; in Michigan, call 800/482-9220.

Design and Install Your Own Lawn Sprinkler System is the title of a 72-page, 8½-by 11-inch book written by Rogar A. Van Leeuwen, a professional engineer. He says, "After 22 years in this business I feel that this book will give the average person the technical data necessary to design and install their own lawn sprinkler system." While it may not be enough to enable a superintendent to design and install a complex golf course irrigation system, it should educate the superintendent well enough to work intelligently with irrigation professionals and to properly operate and maintain his own system. The book costs \$3.95 and is available from Southwest Irrigation Co., 7039 E. 40th St., Tulsa, OK 74145.

A national symposium on **Wastewater Irrigation of Recreational Turf** is scheduled for November 12-14 at the Arlington Park Hilton near Chicago's O'Hare Field. For information, call any of the joint sponsors of the symposium: Al Radko, USGA Green Section, 201/572-0456; Larry Packard, American Society of Golf Course Architects Foundation, 312/352-2113; or Don Rossi, National Golf Foundation, 305/844-2500.

The 32nd annual New York State Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show will be held at (naturally) The Turf Inn in Albany, November 14-16. For details, write to Janet Neumann, executive secretary, New York State Turfgrass Association, P.O. Box 636, Lockport, NY 14094 or call 716/434-5338.

The Center for Continuing Education at the University of Georgia in Athens will host the 9th annual **Georgia GCSA/U. of Ga. Turfgrass Short Course** November 20-21. Contact: George M. Kozelnicky, executive secretary, Georgia GCSA, Dept. of Plant Pathology & Plant Genetics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602 (phone 404/542-2571).

New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '78, an educational conference and trade show, will take place November 28 to December 1 at the Cherry Hill Hyatt House. Sponsors are Cook College-Rutgers University and the New Jersey Turfgrass Association. Contact: Dr. Henry W. Indyk, Soils and Crops Dept., P.O. Box 231, Cook College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903 (phone 201/932-9453).