

Clippings

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

Dan Jones, superintendent at CC Adventura in **Miami, Florida**, was quoted by "Florida Golfweek" as being out of gas for four days recently. Other superintendents in Florida were also feeling the crunch, necessitating cutbacks in the amount of fuel they use, and in other parts of the budget to make up the increased costs, according to "Florida Golfweek".

If you're planning a golf trip to **South Africa**, better pick an even-tempered partner. Golfers there are being warned by police to arm themselves before a round because of an outbreak of robberies and insufficient number of guards. Golfers recently confronted by three natives with knives drew nine-irons and chased them off.

OSHA is considering reducing the time employers have to report **catastrophic accidents** (one or more fatalities or five or more workers hospitalized) to the agency in order to improve OSHA's response time. They are considering reducing the present 48 hour period to eight. The agency will soon have a national hot-line available for employers and employees to call to report accidents, according to officials.

The Hog Neck Golf Course in Easton, Maryland is **metric**. John Donnelly, who directs public information activities for the United States Metric Board, played the course to see if it had any effect on his game. Only once, near the 137-meter marker did he have doubts. He asked the pro what the distance was. "About a six-iron," was the dry answer.

The **Toro Company** is planning to expand its Irrigation Division in Riverside, California. They plan to invest more than \$3 million over the next three years, adding 118,000 square feet of office and warehouse space. Sales have increased 100 percent plus over the past two years. Toro's total sales for the past year were \$227 million.

Seemingly ignoring all scientific data supporting the safety record of **2,4,5-T** and **Silvex**, EPA is planning to suspend all the uses left. Justification is based on their original report, disputed heavily by the scientific community. It is estimated that positive action settling its value and safety will not be forthcoming for two or three years. Meanwhile, golf courses, rights-of-way, recreational land, aquatic areas, forests, pastures and home lawns will have to be treated with suitable alternatives until the review period is completed. Possibly forever.

The **Japanese** sent \$2.1 million worth of hoes, rakes, mowers and the like into the U.S. last year, making them the number one foreign supplier. It is an increase of **8000%** (that's right) over the \$25,000 imported in 1977.

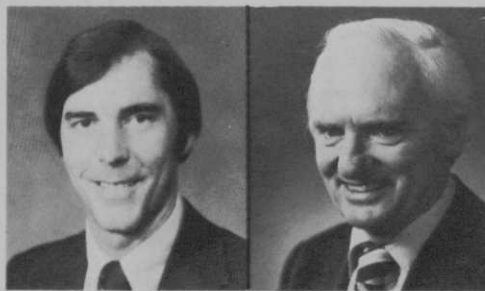
A Japanese golf course owner walked into a Fresno, California irrigation distributor recently and ordered 57 miles of drip irrigation tubing and 60,000 emitters. He wanted it to

irrigate expensive trees that separate the fairways on his four courses. Two of the courses operate as a country club which caters only to members who pay between \$25,000 and \$40,000 for memberships. The memberships trade on an open market, much like the stock market.

A typical Sunday on the other two courses, which are public, costs \$100, including lunch and a female caddy who hauls four bags on a motorized carrier as golfers walk.

Briggs & Stratton Corporation has reached an agreement in principle to acquire **Farymann Diesel FGmbH & Co. KG**. Farymann is a small, privately held German manufacturer of diesel engines. Its product line includes both air and water cooled models concentrated in engines under 20 hp. Briggs intends to retain the Farymann Diesel name and to continue operations in West Germany.

BASF Wyandotte's **Basagran**® herbicide has been cleared for use on turf in all states, according to Hans Loose, a product manager for BASF. Loose added that Basagran has been noted for its effectiveness in controlling yellow nutsedge during extensive testing over the past three years.



Brooks

Thorpe

Harvest Publishing Company is pleased to announce that **James R. Brooks** has joined the company as national sales manager for **GOLF BUSINESS**, the magazine for golf course management and golf turf maintenance. According to **Richard J.W. Foster**, Group Publisher of Harvest's Business Publications Division, Brooks will have over-all responsibility for the sales and promotion activities associated with **GOLF BUSINESS**. In addition, he will be personally responsible for the Southern sales region. Brooks will be based in the Business Publications Division's new Atlanta sales complex.

Brooks, 39, is well-known among golf course superintendents, turfgrass educators, and the turf maintenance industry. For the past five years he has been associated with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, serving most recently as director of marketing and sales.

Kenneth L. Thorpe is the vice president and general manager of the **AMF Golf Car Division**. Thorpe joined AMF in 1973, serving most recently as vice president of program management for the Motorcycle Division of Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Inc.

Michael Stapleton has joined **AMF Golf Car Division** as manager of district sales for the Pacific coast. Stapleton was general manager in the domestic and over seas operations of Foremost McKesson, Inc.

OMC Lincoln, a division of Outboard

Marine Corporation, has named **Kirk W. Reimers** as chief engineer. Reimers succeeds retiring **Robert Von Seggern** who has headed the division since 1966. OMC Lincoln manufactures small gasoline and electric-powered industrial vehicles plus Cushman-Ryan professional turf maintenance.



Bannigan

James

E-Z-Go has promoted **Edward V. Bannigan** to regional manager west and **Kenneth B. James** as West Branch Manager. Bannigan will be responsible for the company's operations in Los Angeles and northern California and will act as liaison between the golf car manufacturer and its distributors in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Hawaii and southern California. James was previously general manager of Santa Ana's River View Golf Course, which his family founded in 1963.

David Ekvall has been named an area manager for the **Kohler Co.** Engine Division. He will work with central distributors and OEMS in Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas.

The Toro Company has appointed **Charles Perrotet** to the new position of director of corporate planning and development. His duties include responsibility for long-range planning and new venture and acquisition analysis. **John G. Szafanski** has been promoted to the new position of general manager of its Commercial Products Division. He was previously director of marketing for consumer products. The Commercial Products Division designs and markets maintenance equipment for large turf areas.

A. Martin Petrovic has joined the faculty of the **New York State College** of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University as Assistant Professor of Turfgrass Science. He will be responsible for the research, teaching and extension programs in turfgrass science, and will provide leadership for the college's total turfgrass science program. Other turfgrass scientists at Cornell include professor **Arthur Bing**, **Haruo Tashiro**, and **Richard Smiley**.

The **Michigan Association of Public Golf Courses** is holding a **two-day workshop** this fall for members at a very minimal cost, according to officials. Tentative dates are November 5th and 6th.

The **Ohio Association of Public Golf Courses** is holding a workshop November 12-14th in co-operation with the **Ohio Turf Conference** in Columbus, Ohio.

National Golf Foundation will hold a workshop November 12-14 at Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

More information on these workshops will be forthcoming.