

News

INDUSTRY

Turfco acquires assets of Sod Master from Jacobsen

Turfco Manufacturing, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn., has purchased the assets of the Sod Master division of Jacobsen Manufacturing Company, according to Bill Kaercher, president of Turfco.

Kaercher, who was former vice president and general manager of Jacobsen's Sod Master division, emphasized that Turfco will manufacture the complete line of Sod Master and Pipe Piper equipment. "The products will be made by the same craftsmen in the same plant and will carry a new color scheme of deep brown accented with a light tan," he added.

Jacobsen bought Sod Master in 1969 and merchandized through its distributors. Turfco purchased Sod Master prior to the recent purchase of Jacobsen by Textron. Kaercher said changes will include new distributors and new products, including a topdresser for the EZ-Go truck. Turfco's address is 3456 Washington Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55412.

ASSOCIATION

Golf Course Architects seek historical information

The American Society of Golf Course Architects is trying to collect and preserve historical information on golf courses and golf course designers. So far, only about 5,000 golf courses in the U.S., out of 12,500, have been catalogued.

The ASGCA's goal is to compile as complete a list as possible, listing professional and amateur architects for courses now in operation and any that may have closed. They are asking for help.

If you know the name of any course, a reasonably positive date it was constructed, and the name of the designer, please send it to: The American Society of Golf Course

Architects, 221 North La Salle Street, Chicago, IL 60601.

ASGCA also is searching for any historically significant plans or pictures related to golf course design or construction. If you have any, please send them a photocopy, the plans or pictures, or a description of any materials that you might have. Please include as much information as possible with each item.

LAND

Farmland value increases by 14%

Figures released in Washington D.C. in late March indicated that farm real estate values had increased an average of 14 percent for the year ending February 1, 1979. The rise was more evenly distributed across the United States than in past years.

A 40 percent gain in estimated 1978 net farm income before inventory adjustment caused a faster rise than the year previous when values rose at a rate of nine percent. Optimism has been restored within the farm sector and farmland buyer and seller expectations are higher.

EQUIPMENT

Three superintendents win new Jacobsen mowers

Three superintendents have won new Greens King greens mowers in the Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc. search for the three oldest operating Greens King riding reel mowers.

The oldest Greens King was at Interlachen Country Club in Edina,

Minn., where Dean Sime is superintendent. Sime's was the third Greens King to roll off the assembly line.

The second oldest came from Arnold Tribble, superintendent at Meadow Club of Southampton, Long Island, N.Y. His was the fourth off the line.

The third oldest came from Wanyne Cox, who owns J-R Golf Course in Wilmington, Ohio. His was the ninth shipped from the plant.

TURFGRASS

Centipede shade tolerance as good as St. Augustine

The shade tolerance of centipedegrass matches that of St. Augustine, according to preliminary research by Dr. Earl Barrios, Jr., at the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station in Baton Rouge. During a three-year study, centipedegrass grew better in dense shade than Floratam St. Augustine and as well as zoysiagrass. The St. Augustine has been damaged by St. Augustine decline (SAD) in much of the state. Barrios also noted that the centipedegrass was not affected as greatly by chinchbugs, but is prone to Brown patch, similar to St. Augustine. The centipedegrass did withstand low temperatures better than the St. Augustine.

HERBICIDE/SEED

Free Roundup®, Pennfine offered for turf renewal

Roundup® herbicide by Monsanto and Pennfine perennial ryegrass

have been teamed up in the "2-Step Turf Renewal Plan". Details of the plan are available in a test kit that includes enough Roundup and Pennfine to renew approximately 200 square feet of turf.

One application of Roundup is called for in the plan, to destroy a variety of annual and perennial grasses and broadleaf weeds. Because Roundup leaves no residual soil activity, Pennfine can be spread over the treated area in about 7 days after the herbicide application.

Pennfine was developed by Dr. Joe Duich at Pennsylvania State University. It has a proven wide area of adaptation, the ability to persist at moderate fertility levels, and withstands drought conditions and soil compaction. It will take a clean, smooth cut.

The free test kit is available to turf professionals by writing: Turf Renewal Plan, P.O. Box 923, Minneapolis, MN 55440.

SEED

Sabre Poa trivialis now has certificate

Sabre Poa trivialis, developed cooperatively by International Seeds, Inc., and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers University, and has been granted a certificate (PV 7700104) under the Plant Variety Protection Act by the Plant Variety Protection Office of the Department of Agriculture, according to J. L. Carnes, president of International Seeds.

Prior to Sabre, only common, unpedigreed seed imported from Northern Europe was available. Sabre seed is now being produced in Oregon under that state's certification program. Sabre weighs in at more than 2 million seeds per pound.

NATIONAL GOLF FOUNDATION BOX SCORE

January-May 1979		REGULATION COURSES	EXECUTIVE COURSES	PAR 3 COURSES	TOTAL
OPENED FOR PLAY	New	18	3	2	29
	Additions	5	1	0	
STARTED CONSTRUCTION	New	32	5	2	57
	Additions	18	0	0	
PROSPECTIVE		38	6	3	47