

Clippings

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

In past months we have reported the organization of several new associations of public golf course owners, and we are now happy to add that these are growing both in members and in services to their members. In the past two days we have received copies of nicely printed newsletters from the **Michigan Association of Public Golf Courses** and the **Ohio Association of Public Golf Courses** reporting their activities.

The Ohio APGC newsletter announced the approval of two new membership categories beyond the regular \$30 annual classification. A nonvoting associate membership is also available for \$30 for individuals and other golf-related facilities in the state, and a nonvoting commercial membership is offered to suppliers for \$120 per year. Public course owners and other interested parties in Ohio should contact OAPGC President/Editor/Publisher Keith Maffitt at 2737 Edgerton Rd., Broadview Hts., OH 44147.

The Michigan APGC newsletter lists the group's new officers: president/Jeff Hoag, Scott Lake, Grand Rapids; vice president/Joe Langkamp, Lake Doster, Plainwell; secretary-treasurer/Jack Grossnickle, Perry GC. Directors are Dan Burgess, Hickory Hills, Jackson; Fay Johnson, Hickory Hills, Grand Rapids; Marti Coulman, Genessee Valley, Swartz Creek; Jim Roschek, Royal Scot, Lansing; Maureen Carmichael, Alpena GC; and Walt Tamulis, Rolling Hills, Lapeer.

The Michigan association also now has an executive secretary, Syver Thingstad of Lansing, and a special legislative consultant, Don Moe of Lansing. Course owners interested in joining should write to MAPGC, 15553 N. East St., Lansing, MI 48906.

Also in Lansing, the **Michigan Turfgrass Foundation** recently elected new officers and directors. President is C. E. "Tuck" Tate, superintendent at Frankfort GC; vice president is James Timmerman, superintendent at Orchard Lake CC. New Directors are Keith Paterson, superintendent at Spring Lake CC; Donald Benham, of L&E Chemical; and Gerald Gill, superintendent at Tam-O-Shanter CC.

Texas Golf magazine recently reported that the city of Houston had purchased the 140-acre **Sharpstown CC** for \$4.7 million, giving the city a total of six golf courses. According to Parks Department Director Jim Hart, the purchase was "an excellent deal for the city because we are desperately short of parkland in that [southwest] section of the city."

In corporate news, International Seeds, Inc., announced that its **Derby turf-type perennial ryegrass** has been licensed for sale in Canada. A 12-clone synthetic variety, Derby was assigned license number 1873 in Canada; it is also registered (number 7500009) under the United States Plant Variety Protection Act.

The Crop Science Society of America has given official registration certificates to Pickseed West, National Golf Links of America, the USGA Green Section, and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station for their part in the development of **Touchdown Kentucky bluegrass**.

Touchdown was discovered by Tom Rewinski, superintendent for National Golf Links at Southampton, N.Y., on Long Island. He told USGA Green Section Director Al Radko about his discovery, who in turn contacted Dr. Reed Funk, turfgrass breeder at Rutgers University. Radko and Funk collected samples and began evaluation under the experimental designation P-142. Pickseed West, Inc. is the exclusive producer of Touchdown.

In the Cleveland, Ohio, area, **Tom Vogel** recently became superintendent at Hawthorne Valley CC. He had been an assistant at Acacia CC. **Duncan Cameron**, former golf superintendent at St. Lawrence State Park golf course in Ogdensburg, N.Y., has taken over at Battle Island State Park in Oswego. **Jack Clements** has retired from Battle Island.

Vincent Hankley, formerly of Jefferson Lakeside CC, has become superintendent at the CC of Petersburg (Va.), while **Steve Vessels** has left Cedar Point Club and returned to Lake Monticello GC in Charlottesville. **Dick Fisher**, formerly at Lake Monticello, has taken the superintendent's job at Farmington CC in Charlottesville.

Marvin Gruening, superintendent at Midwest CC in Illinois for 25 years, has moved to the superintendent's post at Park Ridge (Ill.) CC. . . **Don Pakke** has accepted the superintendent's job at Medinah (Ill.) CC; he had been at Philadelphia CC. . . new superintendent at Green Garden CC is **Kenneth R. Zanzig**, formerly at Old Oak GC in Orland Park.

In Indiana, **Mark Peters** has been named superintendent at Heather Hills CC. . . **Gene Stoops** is now superintendent at Harbor Trees GC. . . and **Ron Mix** is the new superintendent of Plymouth CC.

Gary S. Ready, superintendent at Douglas (Ga.) CC, has been given the additional responsibility for Mystery Valley GC by his employer, DeKalb County. . . **Randolph P. Russell** is now superintendent of all golf courses operated by the city of Austin, Tex.; he had been agronomist with Kirby, Player & Associates of Norcross, Ga.

New superintendent at San Luis Rey CC in Bonsall, Calif., is **Ralph Lemke**; he was formerly at Stoneridge CC in Poway. . . **Jimmy Chavez** has moved from Yorba Linda CC to Redlands CC.

Golf agronomist **Dr. Paul Alexander** has been named vice president for golf at the Sea Pines Plantation Co. at Hilton Head Island, S.C. He had previously been with Sea Pines in 1973-74 as staff vice president for agronomy and is considered to be a leading expert on management of southeastern golf turfgrasses.

Dr. Kevin J. McVeigh has joined the staff of International Seeds, Inc., as research agronomist. He will be working in Halsey, Ore., with Dr. Jerry Pepin in the breeding, testing, and varietal development of forage and turf grasses.

Jacklin Seed Co. of Post Falls, Idaho, has opened a Pacific Coast office in Oregon's Willamette Valley, a primary turf seed production area. **Richard H. Bailey**, former president of Turf-Seed, Inc., will manage the new office operation. Bailey is currently president of the Merion Bluegrass Association and is incoming president of the Oregon Seed Trade Association. The new Jacklin office will be located at 3857 Wolverine St. NE., Suite 22, Salem, OR 97303 (phone 503/364-4480).



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Weather-matic Division, Telsco Industries, has made changes in two marketing positions. **Alex Garza**, national customer services manager for the Dallas-based irrigation manufacturer, has been promoted to Southwest regional sales manager (west Texas, western Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona). **Donald L. Cooper** has assumed the duties of national customer services manager.

Robert G. Gibson has been appointed executive vice president and general manager of Clover Manufacturing Co. and Clover International Ltd., Norwalk, Conn. Clover produces coated abrasives and lapping and grinding compounds for the turf industry.

The Toro Co. has named **Ralph D. Murray** to the new post of director of sales and marketing for its International Division. His responsibilities will cover all Toro products, except irrigation equipment, sold outside the United States.

Paul Barlett has joined SGL Batteries Manufacturing Co. as sales manager for SGL batteries used in golf cars.

Lakeshore Equipment & Supply Co. has hired **Keith Langshore** as LESCO representative for the Florida golf market. He spent 2 years as superintendent of Minerva Lake GC in Columbus, Ohio, as well as 4 years in course maintenance at Blackhawk GC. . . **Roger Widrig** will be the new LESCO representative in central and northeastern Florida. Widrig worked in golf course maintenance for the past 10 years, the last three as superintendent at Tusawilla CC in Maitland, Fla.

May 24 will be the annual **Texas A&M University Turfgrass Research Field Day** at the Texas A&M Turfgrass Field Lab in College Station. Contact Dr. Richard Duple or Dr. James Beard, Department of Soil & Crop Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843.

The 1979 **Rutgers Research Field Day** will be June 20 at the Adelphia Research Center in Adelphia, N.J. Contact: Ralph E. Engel, Rutgers University, Cook College, Department of Soils and Crops, P. O. Box 231, New Brunswick, NJ 08903 (phone 201/932-9771).