

Clippings

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

In case you missed it, **gasohol is harmful** to small engines! The methyl alcohols in it react with water and form strong acids which may eat up rubber and plastics and corrode metal parts. This can be particularly evident during storage periods.

Lime is being tested for its ability to control **Japanese beetle grubs** at Lyons Den Golf Inc., in Canal Fulton, Ohio. It is being applied over about an acre of test plots on the 17th fairway. Ken Lawrence, a USDA researcher from the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center is leading the project.

Boca Greens Country Club is taking shape in Southern Florida. The country club will be unique in at least two ways, according to Bill Roach, executive director. It will be owned by the members and will be available for resident and nonresident memberships. Other clubs in the area will not allow

nonresidents to renew when residents take over the roster.

Conrad Sheetz, executive director of GCSAA has been designated a Certified Association Executive by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). The certification process involves an extensive personal evaluation, a six-hour examination on association management subjects, high standards of performance and conduct and at least five years experience as a staff executive or three years experience as the chief executive of an association. Sheetz is certified for a three year period, at the end of which he must submit proof of continued education and/or testing. ASAE has nearly 8,000 members representing an estimated 24 million person constituency.

The 1979 **New England Weed Control Guide** is out. To obtain a copy of the four-page guide, write Vaughn Holyoke, Extension Crops Specialist, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04473.

Notes from...

California

Irwin Hearsch has been using about 25 percent less water by irrigating for six to eight minutes every two hours instead of 30 continuous minutes. Hearsch says he gets better coverage because the spray is not fighting the same wind all the time. He has had no problems with run-off or low spots since he began this program.

Virginia

Dave Harmon, superintendent at Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, reports that excessive rainfall, cloudy skies, and temperatures in excess of ninety degrees have caused shallow roots, wilt and disease for Virginia turfgrass. Harmon is seeing Pythium and Brown Patch and some leafspot on the fine-leaved bermudagrasses. The leaf spots look as if someone has dumped black pepper on the turf, Harmon says. As this goes to press, temperatures are dropping only to 75 degrees and reaching 80 by nine o'clock. Superintendents are eagerly awaiting August's end. This has occurred in August for the past three years, Harmon adds.

The Club Managers Association's industry authored **textbook on club management**, operations and organizational philosophy is progressing. Material has been written and is ready for editing. In the planning stage for the past three years, the book is being written by industry authorities in each area of prime management

concern. It will have 11 chapters and is expected to be ready for distribution by the end of this year.

Colorado State University is offering nine, 30-minute color **video tapes** covering: Soil-water-plant relations; Irrigation systems; Irrigation scheduling; and Evapotranspiration estimates, among others.

Conference Previews

Virginia

Virginia Tech's Turfgrass Field Days are Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 19-20. Participants will be able to view experiments and facilities continuously during the two days, a departure from previous years. In addition, about 30 commercial exhibits will be set up. An equipment parade will be held at 3:30 Wednesday, in the stadium. For more information, call William Burleson, 703/961-7370.

Indiana

The Midwest Regional Turf Foundation field day will be Monday, September 24 at the Purdue Agronomy Farm. The farm is located outside West Lafayette, on Highway 52 NE, just west of the Elks Golf Course. The program will start at 9:45. There will be a group lunch and a campus turf tour before dismissing at 3:30.

California

The Northern California Turfgrass Council, in conjunction with the University of California Cooperative Extension, will hold the 1979 Irrigation Seminar Wednesday, October 3 at Goodman Hall, Jack London Square in Oakland, California. This year's theme will be "Irrigation for Energy Efficiency". Andy Bertoni of W.A. Cleary Co., New Jersey, will be the keynote speaker with "The Humorous Side of Our Industry" as his topic. Concurrent sessions during the afternoon feature Johns-Mansville, Rain Bird and Toro in-service repair training and various speakers presenting management topics. Registration will be \$10 for NCTC and other Turfgrass Council members and \$15 for others. An additional \$2 will be charged for door registration. For more information, contact Seminar Chairman Jim Prusa at 408/426-5911, or write to N.C.T.C., P.O. Box 268, Lafayette, CA 94549.

Florida

"Does my golf course really need a PGA Professional?" will be one topic at the Florida Course Management Seminar to be held Nov. 18-19 at the Cypress Gardens Sheraton Hotel in Winter Haven. Gary Wiren, club relations director of the PGA of America, will participate. The seminar is sponsored by Florida Golfweek, official publication of the Florida PGA Section. 813/294-5511.

Georgia

The 10th Annual Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association/University of Georgia Turfgrass Short Course will be held at the University of Georgia's Center for Continuing Education in Athens. Contact George Kozelnicky, Dept. of Plant Pathology & Plant Genetics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

New Jersey

November 26-29 are the dates for New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '79. Meeting will be held at the Cherry Hill Hyatt House, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill. Contact Dr. Henry W. Indyk, General Chairman, Soils & Crops Department, P.O. Box 231-Cook College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick 08903.

Maryland

Maryland Turfgrass '80 will be held in the New Baltimore Convention Center beginning Sunday, January 6 through Wednesday, January 9. The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the Greater Washington Association of Golf Course Superintendents are among those coordinating the educational subjects. The sessions will be held immediately adjacent to the exhibit area. Headquarters hotel is the Baltimore Hilton, located in downtown Baltimore, a block from the convention center. Contact Dr. David J. Wehner, Dept. of Agronomy, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742, 301/454-3715.