

Clippings

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

An all-time speed record for playing an 18-hole round of golf has been set. *Golf Digest* reported in their November issue that Jerry Dunkason, 23, played the 9-hole University Village Golf Course in Santa Barbara, Calif., twice, covering 6,083 yards in 29 minutes, 49.9 seconds. His score was 47-49, and was achieved using only a 5-iron, pitching wedge and a putter. The rules for a speed round are only that the course be at least 6,000 yards long, that the golfer remain on foot at all times and that he follow the Rules of Golf.

Next time a golfer tells you the greens are lumpy, throw this at him: The average golf shoe has 12 spikes. The USGA has computed that the average golfer takes 28 paces per green. 28 times 24 (two shoes) equals 672 impressions per golfer. Assuming 200 rounds are played per day, the green receives 134,400 impressions per day, 940,800 impressions per week, and 28,224,000 holes are made in it per month!

Jack Nicklaus has teamed up with the Ash Grove Cement Company to develop a 3100 acre residential and recreational area south of Kansas City, in Johnson County. The project will include a Nicklaus-designed course.

The driving range at Red Oaks in Madison Heights, Michigan, will be covered by a heated, air-supported dome this winter. Golf Domes, Inc. of Dearborn will lease the facility and pay a percentage of the gross revenue to the Oakland County Parks.

The New Mexico GCSA elected new officers at their September meeting. They are: **Harold Vaubel**, Albuquerque CC, President, **Gary Grigg**, CGCS, Tanoan CC, Vice president, **Jim Aitkens**, Kirtland AFB, Secretary, and **Al Kline**, University of New Mexico South course, Treasurer. The Board of Directors are: **Ted Martinez**, Inn of the Mountain Gods, **Fred Chavez**, Rio Rancho CC, **Raleigh Proffitt**, Paradise Hills CC, and **Mike Apodaca**, Horizon CC in Belen.

The annual meeting was held at Tanoan CC in Albuquerque with **Richard Phelps**, President of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, and **Mike Bavier**, of the GCSAA, as guest speakers. **Gary Grigg** was awarded the

superintendent of the year award for 1980.

New Mexico State University was the site of the Southwest Turfgrass Association's annual conference during mid-October. **Dr. Jim Watson**, Toro, and **Joseph Finger**, golf course architect, **Dr. Doug Hawes** of the USGA Green Section, and **Dr. Jerald Horst**, Texas A&M in El Paso, were among the guest speakers. New officers elected were: President, **Gary Grigg**, CGCS, Albuquerque; Vice president, **Harold Vaubel**, Albuquerque; and Secretary/Treasurer, **Dr. Arden Baltensperger**, Las Cruces. Board of Director members are: **Bruce Erhard**, Las Cruces (and a past president); **Dr. Jerald Horst**, El Paso; **Ted Martinez**, Ruidoso; **Al Kline**, Albuquerque; and **Horace Molina**, Albuquerque. **Ted Martinez** was the winner of the annual tournament, held at the new Pichalo Hills CC, with a 71. The conference had a record attendance.

J I Case and Cummins Engine Company have joined forces to manufacture a new line of advanced-design, fuel-efficient diesel engines in the 50-250-hp range. The engines are scheduled for prototype production in 1981 and market introduction in 1983. The agreement is subject to approval by the boards of directors of Cummins and of Tenneco Inc., of which Case is a wholly-owned subsidiary.

Kawasaki Motors Corp., Engine Division, has appointed **Marco, Inc.**, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, as a distributor for their two and four cycle engines. Kawasaki engine sales and service for Idaho, Montana, Utah, and parts of Wyoming and Nevada will be handled by **Randy Robinson** from Marco's 25,000 sq. ft. Idaho Falls facility.

LESCO Products in Elyria, Ohio, is now plating its custom-made bedknives with a zinc coating to improve its appearance and handling and to avoid build-up in the grinding stone. **LESCO Products** is a division of **Lakeshore Equipment & Supply, Co.**

Wisconsin Marine, Wisconsin manufacturers of Bob-Cat mowers and snowthrowers, has changed their name to **Ransomes Inc.** following the development of a new corporation, which is a subsidiary of **Ransomes Sims and Jeffries Ltd.** of Ipswich, England. **Ransomes** will

retain its separate management and control.

Robert C. O'Knefski, Cooperative Extension Agent from Nassau County, New York, retired at the end of October. A graduate of Penn State and holder of a Master's degree from Rutgers, O'Knefski has taught at the University of Connecticut and was a turf consultant for O.M. Scott & Sons, in addition. He was the first recipient of the Citation of Merit from the New York State Turfgrass Association in 1978.

Western Texas College, in Snyder, Texas, now offers a new, expanded program of Golf Course Operations and Landscape Technology. Completion of this two-year program will qualify a graduate for an Associate in Applied Science degree, or credits may be transferred to a four-year university program. The curriculum is aimed at training working superintendents, assistant superintendents, foremen and crew chiefs with an adequate technical and classroom background, giving them two years of 'hands-on' experience in the field working

own golf course is used as part of the learning facility. Interested persons may contact the Director of Golf Course Operations/Landscape Technology at WTC by calling 915/573-8511.

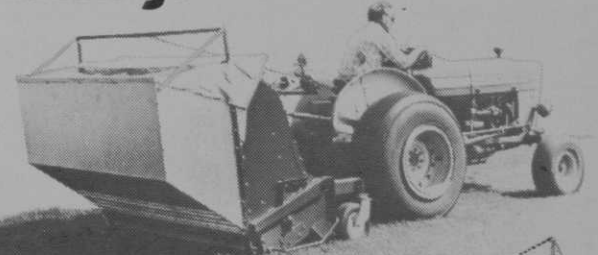
Eaton Golf & Tractor has two managerial changes at their Syracuse, New York operation. **Roger Lind** is Institutional Sales Manager and will be responsible for all sales of commercial products in central New York, including Rochester and the Southern Tier. **Jack Trexler** is Parts Manager and will be responsible for the disbursement of all parts as well as inside sales including irrigation products.

Mike Robinson has recently been named Vice President of Marketing for **Pickseed West, Inc.**, in Tangent, Ore. Robinson, a 9-year veteran of the Northwest seed industry, will continue to be responsible for the company's proprietary marketing of turf and forage seed. He will also coordinate **Pickseed's** research and variety development.



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