

Clippings

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

As many superintendents know, a Canadian goose, being a rather large bird, leaves a rather large calling card. For those who have never experienced a lengthy visit from several of these fine game birds, the aftermath is similar to an aeration project with the cores left lying, although it is a mushier situation. You can imagine the anguish felt by the golfers at the city course in Glen Cove, Long Island after 300 found a home there. Great enough for the mayor to ask the

Operators Association goes to Doug Erb of Forest Lakes CC in Sarasota. The association now has 43 paid members.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California has elected a new slate of officers. They are: **Robert E. Livesey**, CGCS, President; **James D. Ross**, Vice-president; **Ken Sakai**, Secretary-treasurer; and Directors: **Grady L. Simril**, **Joe Andrade**, **Thomas E. Thatcher**, **Robert Dauterman**, and **Clifford A. Wagoner**, CGCS.

The Indiana Golf Course Owners have now organized, with assistance from the National Golf Foundation. **Randy Ballinger** of Walnut Creek GC in Upland, is the

Corp., **James Long**, Spalding, **Robert MacNally**, Victor Golf, **Tony Penna**, Rawlings Golf, **Joe Phillips** Wilson Sporting Goods Co., **Allan Solheim**, Karsten Manf. Co., **Davis Taylor**, Taylor-Dunn Manf. Co., and **Don A. Rossi**, National Golf Foundation.

Brookfield CC in Clarence, New York has a new superintendent: **Thomas R. Charnock**. A graduate of Cornell University, he was most recently superintendent at Sodus Bay Heights CC in Sodus, New York. Charnock is relocating to Western New York.

B.C. Mathews, founder and chairman of the **Mathews Co.**, has announced the appointment of **Ronald Gillund** as Vice President and General Manager. Gillund joined Mathews in 1972 as Territory Salesman. He resides in Cary, Illinois.

Ron Patterson has been promoted to Vice president of Sales for **Polaris E-Z-Go Textron**. Patterson joined E-Z-Go since 1972 has held a number of sales positions. He, his wife and two sons, reside in Augusta, Georgia.

Harley-Davidson Golf Car Division is now a separate, autonomous business unit within AMF Inc. **Kenneth L. Thorpe**, new President of the unit, said, "We have some very ambitious objectives for the next decade, involving the boosting of our electric car business to the number one position enjoyed by our gas powered cars." Harley-Davidson golf cars were first produced in 1963.

Lofts Pedigreed Seed, Inc. has announced the commercial release

of **Rebel**, a new turf-type tall fescue. Rebel requires low maintenance yet performs well under heavy traffic.

O.M. Scott and Sons has released **ProTurf Fungicide VI**, designed to prevent and control dollar spot, brown patch, leaf spot and red leaf spot. You can get more information by circling number 220 on the Reader Service Card.

The **Long Island Turfgrass Research Field Day** will be Thursday, June 12 at PineLawn Memorial Park in Farmingdale, New York. It is co-sponsored by the N.Y. State Turfgrass Association, Cornell University and the Cooperative Extension Association and will be from 5 to 8 PM, rain or shine. For more information, call the N.Y. Turfgrass Ass'n at 516/541-9034.

The **49th Annual Turfgrass Field Day** at the Rhode Island Turfgrass Research Farm, in Kingston, Rhode Island, will be held August 20. For information, contact: Professor C. Richard Skogley, Plant and Soil Science Dept., University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881.

The **Ohio State University Turf Field Day** will be held August 5 at the OSU Research Facility in Columbus, Ohio. Contact: Keith Karnok, OSU Dept. of Agronomy, 1827 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH 43210, phone 614/422-2591.

The **Ohio Turf and Landscape Day** at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster Ohio, will be held September 9. For information, contact: Dr. Dave Nielsen, OARDC, Wooster, OH 44691, phone 216/264-1021.



Hugh Lomas, international service specialist in the Kohler Co. Engine Division, explains uses for Kohler four-cycle engines to representatives of the Shenyang Blower Works of the People's Republic of China. The Chinese delegation visited Kohler in March as part of a tour of industrial installations in the US which was sponsored by the IBM Corp.

local rod and gun club to provide a lasting cure. It was an ill-fated venture, according to an article in "Tee to Green" published by the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association. Local bird-lovers raised a rucus. Several alternative suggestions were offered and we will be in contact with the MGCSA to find out if they worked.

The **Stagg Hill Golf Course** near Manhattan, Kansas, now has what may be the largest sundial in the world. The crescent-shaped garden dial measures 43 feet by 26 feet. Designed and constructed by Cliff Meloan and Bill Fately, both chemistry professors at Kansas State University, the sundial is truly for golfers in that to tell time by it, one must hold a golf club vertically over one's head.

The honor of first President of the Florida Golf Course Owners and

new President. Among the reasons for organizing were a unified front to fight the inequitable tax assessment picture, which, according to Ballinger, fails to take into account the many variables that influence the profitability of daily fee course operations. Others reasons are: insurance and co-op buying of equipment and supplies.

Following is the new slate of officers for the National Golf Foundation: **Jim Long**, Spalding, President; **Tim Guzzle**, True Temper, 1st Vice-president; **Jerry Martin**, Hillerich & Bradsby, Secretary; **John Ludes**, Acushnet, Secretary; and **Robert MacNally**, PGA Golf, Treasurer. Board members are: **L. Dean Cassell**, Dunlop Sports Co., **Roger Corbett**, Ben Hogan Co., **Jack Curran**, MacGregor Golf Co., **Joe Donatiello**, Union/USA, **Douglas Billian**, Golf World Publishing Co., **James Hansberger**, Ram Golf



Dr. Tim Gaskin (left) accepts a \$1500 check from Northern California Turfgrass Council Vice-president Emery Hunter. The grant was presented to construct a Turfgrass Demonstration Unit to serve as a "complete outdoor classroom with facilities for each phase of turf management and culture".