

Clippings

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

There was an identification error in the August issue. In the article, "New Concepts for Landscaping Tees," Forsgate CC was identified as Faragote. It also crept in on page 32 of Part II in the September issue. We apologize and congratulate the Forsgate CC for such fine landscaping.

Stanley Zontek, Director of the Northeastern Region of the USGA Green Section, noted in the June, 1980 issue of *The Greenmaster* that a narrow collar around the green might speed up play. In his example, he states that a ball "will tend to roll a greater distance from the putting green surface" on a wide collar, facing a golfer with a longer chip shot. On a narrow collar, the ball would stop closer to the pin, with a better opportunity for play. This might mean speedier play by decreasing the number of strokes a golfer might have to take.

Florida Golfweek has reported that twenty members of the Florida

Golf Management Association reported an average revenue per golf car, of \$1,850.60. The reported high was \$2800 per car. The high figure was from a course which charged \$3 in summer and \$5 in season. The course charges a \$350 trail fee for private carts, does not make carts mandatory, and expects a battery life of two years. It is an 18-hole semi-private club.

The Irrigation Association has published a booklet entitled "Guidelines for Involvement", which is subtitled "How Can We Make Our Voice and Opinions Heard and Recognized?". If you are interested in influencing the plight of your profession, the booklet spells out how to do it. Copies are available for \$5.00 from The Irrigation Association, 13975 Connecticut Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

E-Z-Go Textron and Golf Car Systems, Inc. in Clearwater, Florida have announced a national joint marketing and service agreement. Golf Car Systems will market the E-Z-Go cars under their GCS full maintenance program. The program will be offered by both E-Z-Go and GCS throughout all the

golf car manufacturer's U.S. factory branch territories. The purchase agreement means that GCS will lease the gas and electric 3- and 4-wheel cars to private clubs and resorts.

Merit Kentucky bluegrass has been released to International Seeds in Halsey, Oregon, for production and marketing on a world-wide basis. Merit is licensed for sale in Canada as Regent Kentucky bluegrass and has been tested at a variety of Canadian locations since 1972. Merit was recently approved for inclusion on the OECD approved cultivar list.

Lofts has a new grass seed mixture called "Summer Stress". Formulated for tolerance to summer heat and drought, Summer Stress includes 90 percent Rebel turf-type tall fescue and 10 percent Baron Kentucky bluegrass.

Lofts Pedigreed Seed held its fourth annual Field Day recently at its Martinsville, N.J. Research Farm. Some 400 attendees viewed over 3,000 plots that Lofts maintains for research. The

afternoon session began with a discussion on *Fusarium roseum* with Robert O'Knefski, Cooperative Extension Agricultural Agent of Nassau County, Dr. Reed Funk of Rutgers University, and Dr. Noel Jackson of the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Henry Indyk of Rutgers led a discussion on Fall fertilization.

Paul Voykin, at Briarwood CC has installed the first 2-row Rainbird system in the Chicago area. Halloran and Youch of Glenview, Illinois did the installation, the new pumphouse, and the lake fill line. The superb Briarwood installation, is in Paul's opinion, one of the best in the country and has performed well beyond his expectations during the summer with its record hot temperatures, humidity and wilt.

Dr. William Meyer of Turf Seed in Hubbard, Oregon, has developed a new variety of chewings-type fine fescue called "Shadow". The variety was screened for powdery mildew resistance and has shown improved resistance to leaf spot. It is described as having a medium dark green color with leaf width similar to Banner or Jamestown.

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