

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

Charles "Bud" Quandt. Superintendent at Pasadena GC in St. Petersburg, Florida told of the advantages he received from a diesel engine in his greens mower in a recent article in Florida Golfweek. The four major advantages were: "1. Reduced fuel consumption, 2. Labor savings, 3. Less maintenance, 4. Increased equipment life. He went on to say that the unit now has over 200 hours of trouble free operation, while suggesting that the oil should be changed often, the air filter made more accessible, and a fuel-water separator be installed to increase life expectancy. The diesel-operated unit has saved an hour per each nine holes mowed for Bud.

Dr. Fred Grau recently informed us that he represents Compost Plus to all golf courses, golf architects and builders, not just in the Northwest, as was reported in this column earlier.

Speaking of Dr. Grau, we recently received an update on the activities of The Musser Foundation. The foundation raises money in many ways, one of which is free-will contributions. The money is then used to make high-yield safe investments which provide a steady income which is then used to support carefully-selected Research Fellowships at turf-oriented institutions throughout the country. Fellowships have been provided for study of the Ataenius beetle, fusarium on bluegrass, microclimate in turf, physiology of water stress and drought resistance of turfgrass, and many others. The foundation needs your support and in turn supports turfgrass management.

The Long Island GCSA has recently elected new officers. They are: Edward Fufaro, President; Peter Bass, Vice president; Richard McGuginees, Secretary; Peter Ruggieri, Treasurer; and James Manka and Robert Matthews as Directors. The association as recently added three new members:

John McPike, Rockville Links; Richard Capparelli, Rockaway Hun Club; and John Oliva, Atlantic Irrigation Specialties.

The United States Navy has revised and included fungicides on its wall chart of Emergency Medical Treatment for Acute Pesticide Poinsoning. The chart lists types of pesticides, how and where they act in the human body, how they enter the body, the toxicity of the pesticides, the symptoms they produce, the treatment that needs to be given to an affected person and the medical tests required. The chart can be obtained from: Officer in Charge, United States Navy Disease Vector, Ecology & Control Center, Box 43, U.S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL 32212.

The National Golf Foundation has announced the winners in the second annual Harry C. Eckhoff Award contest, which honors excellence in publications and newsletters produced by golf-related organizations. Winners in Club and Course Newsletters were: 1. Pointe'rs, submitted by Travis Pointe CC in Ann Arbor, Michigan; 2. The Divot, submitted by editor Alex Summers of Rancho Bernardo GC in San Diego, California; and 3. Bel-Air Chips, submitted by editor Ann Berger of Bel-Air CC in Los Angeles. Winners in State and District Golf Associations and PGA Sections were: 1. The 1980 Michigan PGA Yearbook, submitted by Doug Findlay, executive director of the Michigan Section of the PGA of America; 2. New England Section PGA Yearbook 1980, submitted by George S. Wemyss, executive director of the New England Section PGA, Inc.; and 3. Annual Report -G.A.M., submitted by E.M. Erickson, executive director of the Golf Association of Michigan and South Florida PGA 1980 Annual, submitted by Roger P. Ganem, executive director of the South Florida Section of the PGA. Winners in the State and District Golf Associations, PGA Sections and GCSAA regions, (less than annual) were: 1. Minnesota Golfer, a quarterly submitted by Warren Rebholz, executive director of the Minnesota Golf Association;

2. FORE, a quarterly submitted by Marilyn Palin of the Southern California Golf Association; and 3. South Carolina Golfer, a quarterly submitted by editor Ben Davies, published by the South Carolina Golf Association. Winnners in All Other Golf Publications were: 1. The Arizona Golfer, a monthly submitted by editor/publisher Alice Wrobley of The Arizona Golfer; 2. Florida Golfweek, a weekly submitted by editor/publisher Sharles Stine; and 3. The Carolinas Golf Reported, a weekly submitted by publishers/editors Roy Brown and Richard Sink.

John L. Ufheil has been named executive vice president of Mallinckrodt, Inc. of St. Louis. Ufheil is a graduated of Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois.

Philip J. Tralies has been promoted to vice president of administration for the Polaris E-Z-Go division of Textron, Inc. He has served as controller for the past year. Tralies will be responsible for control and administrative functions for Polaris E-Z-Go golf cars.

John Welch has been named Senior Sales Representative of Specialty Products in the northeast region for Stauffer Chemical Company's Agricultural Chemical Division. He replace Ernie Koch who retired in July.

W.A. Cleary Chemical Corp. of Somerset, New Jersey, has announced that James H. Strimple, Ph.D., has joined the company and will assume the responsibility of manufacturing manager.

William Lee Stevenson has been appointed to the position of Director of Engineering for Ransomes Inc. of Johnson Creek, Wisconsin.
Ransomes is manufacturers of the Bob-Cat lines of snow throwers and lawn and turf equipment. Stevenson has a degree in Agricultural Engineering from Iowa State University and is a registered professional engineer.