

GB Clippings

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

Activated charcoal should be on hand for any chemical spills that might damage turf. It does, however, have several other uses, according to Bud Franklin in "Cactus Clippings". It can be used to enhance seed germination, incorporated into a properly prepared seedbed at 300 lbs. per acre. Franklin notes that some studies have shown it to cut establishment time in half. Activated charcoal can dramatically reduce the symptoms of stress during sodding at 100-600 lbs. per acre. It can also be used to clean chemical spray equipment after use. The most important use, Franklin says, is to reduce toxic pesticide residues in the soil. Using one pound in a gallon of water over 150 square feet as a slurry will decontaminate products such as Kerb, Dacthal, Surflan, Balan, Ronstar and Devrinol, but would not be effective on inorganic pesticides. The Specialty Chemicals Division of ICI United States, Inc. supplies activated charcoal under the brand name Gro-Safe.

Charles Bolton was presented with a Quarter Century Club Pin at the Fall meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association. Bolton was superintendent at Hershey Parkview Golf Course for twenty years until his retirement in 1973.

Frank A. Underwood of Bowie, Texas, has been elected the 1981 President of the Golf Course Builders of America. He is the ninth golf course contractor to head the association of golf course contractors and industry suppliers. Underwood succeeds Nick Siemens of Fresno, California. **Robert Ryan**, Culpeper, Virginia, is the new vice president. **Carl Hedlund**, Palmer, Massachusetts, and **James J. Kirchdorfer**, Louisville, Kentucky, were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively. Ryan is vice president of Moore Golf, Inc., Hedlund represents Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. and Kirchdorfer is president of ISCO, Inc., a golf course irrigation supply company.



Terry Moody, 21, from Athens, Georgia, is Golf Digest's **Ms. Golf for 1980**. She is the 27th winner of the contest. Ms. Moody is a 1-handicapper and was the first woman to receive a golf scholarship at the University of Georgia. She also played on this year's Curtis Cup team.

Butler National Golf Club has been inspected by the PGA Tour, who found the greens in "excellent" condition following a total reseed program. The original Toronto bentgrass was wiped out by a yet to be identified cause before the Western Open Tournament. All 18 greens plus the putting green were affected. The greens and the fairways were reseeded to Penneagle bent. **Oscar Miles** is the new superintendent there.

Conference expansion worked for the **New York State Turfgrass Association** as attendance almost doubled at the 34th Annual Conference and Trade Show. Registration showed 800 signing up to attend the four day conference and show. Plans are now being made to move to Albany next year. November 16-19, 1981 will see the conference and show in a more modern facility with expanded trade show space. Albany is also more centrally located within the state.

Information on the '81 show can be obtained from Janet Dudones, The Ed Worthington Corp., 50 Petrova Ave., Saranac Lake, NY 12983.

Oseco Inc. now has a Canadian license for **Omega** perennial ryegrass. Omega is a fine-textured, dark green turf-type perennial ryegrass and was developed by Turf Seed Inc. in Hubbard, Oregon. It is a 32-clone synthetic variety and has been tested at a number of official stations in Canada since 1976. Research stations at Ottawa and Guelph, Ontario and Truro, Nova Scotia have recommended Omega for licensing. Oseco reports it has a good supply and is located in Brampton, Ontario.

The Tee 2 Green Corporation, which markets Penncross and Penneagle creeping bentgrass, has changed the location of their home office from Lenexa, Kansas to Oregon. The new office is located at 77 West G Street, Hubbard, OR 97032.

Jeffrey L. Hagman has been named market development supervisor for turf related products in 3M's Agricultural Products Project. He will be responsible for coordinating laboratory, field development and regulatory affairs, and for marketing communications and manufacturing activities. Hagman previously helped develop Embark plant growth regulator in foreign markets.

The National Club Association (NCA) will hold their Annual Meeting and Legislative Conference May 19, 1981 in Washington, D.C. The meeting will focus on the government's role in the affairs of the nation's private organizations. Subjects discussed will include wage and hour concerns, tax laws and government regulations, such as the proposed OFCCP (Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs) regulations, which regulate the membership policies of private clubs. For more information, contact NCA at 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 609, Washington, D.C. 20006, or call 202/466-8424.