

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

A fisheries specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service recommends fertilizer to increase fish production in sportfishing ponds. Billy Higginbotham cautions that aquatic weeds must first be eliminated. If the pond is overpopulated, more pounds will still result, however, size will remain small. A 20-20-5 fertilizer, at 100 pounds per surface acre every two weeks, should make a shiny object invisible, 18 inches under water. If not, reduced rate applications may be necessary to restore the phytoplankton bloom, the main link in an aquatic food chain.

The Wisconsin Turfgrass
Association has been established to encourage turfgrass research specifically directed to Wisconsin growing conditions and problems. Plans are underway to work closely with the University of Wisconsin to upgrade turfgrass research in the state of Wisconsin. Dr. Gayle Worf, extension plant pathologist, has agreed to organize the initial efforts. Charter membership application will continue until October, 1981. Information and applications can be received from Tom Harrison,

Secretary, 1218 Winn Trail, Madison, WI 53704.

Golf-orientated regional publication and newsletter entries are being accepted for the third annual Harry C. Eckhoff Award contest. Nationally circulated golf magazines and publications by national golf organizations and associations will be excluded this year. Entry deadline is October 31, 1981 and may include publications dated the previous 12 months. All entries should be sent to the Eckhoff Award Contest, National Golf Foundation, 200 Castlewood Drive, North Palm Beach, FL 33408.

Scott Benty is the golf course superintendent at Lake Placid Club Resort in Lake Placid, New York. Scott is owner of Benty's Landscape Design and Greenhouses in Lake Placid. He has been golf course assistant at the Lake Placid Club Resort, Saranac Lake Golf Club, Denver Country Club, and assistant superintendent at Winged Foot Golf Club.

Lloyd McKenzie has left Augusta National as of May 1 and is superintendent of Quail Creek Country Club in Naples, Florida. Billy Fuller, former superintendent at Kiaway Island Golf Links in South Carolina, has assumed the superintendent position at Augusta.

Beaver Creek now has **Daniel I. Gieseler** as superintendent. The Robert Trent Jones, Jr. course is not scheduled to open until 1982.

Meanwhile, Dan is working bugs out of the irrigation system, resetting some 744 sprinkler heads. About a thousand aspen and evergreen trees are scheduled to go in in late summer.

Frank Underwood, president of the Golf Course Builders of America, scored three holes-in-one during a 30-day period. Frank is currently serving his third term as president.

As proud as we are of all golf courses, we're just naturally a little biased towards our home state of Ohio. We had two courses in the top 50 public courses and now our Governor James A. Rhodes has been named recipient of the 1981 Donald Ross Award, presented annually by the American Society of Golf Course Architects. Gov. Rhodes initiated the first two public courses in Columbus while mayor there and encouraged development of five courses in Ohio's state parks while governor. Dick Phelps, president of ASGCA, told Golf Business that "Gov. Rhodes is an outstanding example of an administrator who recognizes the importance of recreational facilities for the general public and is willing to work for their construction."

Thorne G. Aucther's nomination by President Reagan has been confirmed by the Senate. Aucther is now Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health and the leader of OSHA. Formerly a Florida construction executive, Aucther has stated plans to improve management of OSHA and wishes to develop a cooperative approach involving labor, management, and government working together to improve job safety and health.



Newly elected officers of the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council are, above from left to right: George Morgan, Wildwood Golf Club, President; Christine King, Executive Secretary-treasurer; J. Craig Reinhardt, Pine Valley Golf Club, First Vice president; and Michael Rothenberg, West Shore Country Club, Second Vice president.

Nicholas B. Clifford has been Continues on page 22 promoted to business director for specialty agricultural products in the specialty chemicals division of Mallinckrodt. Clifford joined Mallinckrodt in 1965 and has held a variety of sales and marketing positions in the specialty chemicals division.

Mike Cooper has been appointed

as sales manager for Oseco Inc. and will be responsible for directing marketing and sales of turf seed, among others, throughout Canada. Mike will work from the head office in Brampton, Ontario.

The National Golf Foundation has two revisions of two major golf planning manuals, Planning and

Building the Golf Course and Planning the Golf Clubhouse. A new 16mm motion picture, Women's Golf Has Come a Long Way, has been produced in cooperation with the PGA and LPGA. Planning and Building the Golf Course is \$7.95, Planning the Golf Clubhouse is \$25, available from NGF, 200 Castlewood Dr., North Plam Beach, FL 33408. The film is available from NGF for \$175, or may be rented from Film Comm, 108 West Grand Ave., Chicago, IL 60610, for \$15 for two days.



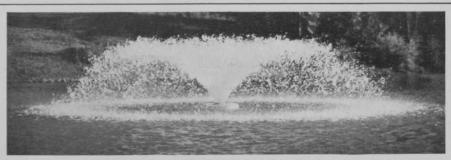
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The Northern California Turfgrass Council has released a publication entitled How to Save Water Sensibly. The material was compiled by A.C. Chet Sarsfield, Irrigation Technical Services in Lafayette, California, and is presented as "a compilation and summary of information gathered through experience gained to date in actually dealing with rationing programs already in effect." The 10-page publication is available for \$1.00 from NCTC, P.O. Box 268, Lafayette, CA 94549.

The TAES Consolidated Progress Report of Texas Turfgrass Research—1979-80 is now available for distribution. The 96-page report contains a summary of turfgrass research activities by 19 turfgrass researchers at the College Station, Dallas and El Paso extension centers. Copies may be obtained from Dr. J.B. Beard, Department of Soil & Crop Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843.

The Ohio Turfgrass Research Field Day is August 4 at the Ohio State University Turfgrass Research Field Facility in Columbus. For information, contact Dr. Keith J. Karnok, 1827 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210, or phone 614/422-2591.

The Clemson University Turfgrass Field Day and Trade Show is being held August 6. Tours and discussion are planned from 8 until 4 pm. For information, contact Dr. A.R. Mazur, Department of Horticulture, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29631, or phone 803/656-3404.