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Clippings

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

A record **31,559 holes-in-one** were registered in 1980 with *Golf Digest's* Hole-In-One Clearing House. The odds for scoring an ace during an 18-hole round of golf on a regulation course are 10,738 to 1 for the average golfer. **Norman Manley** of Long Beach, California, holds the individual record with 47. His first came in 1963 and he has had 15 in the last eight years.

The golf course architectural office of **Ronald Fream** has recently completed the master plan for a new nine-hole course which will be constructed for the Royal Nepal Golf Club in Kathmandu, Nepal. It will be the first course in Nepal with proper putting greens, rather than "sand browns". The Ronald Fream Partnership has also completed the design concept and is presently preparing construction working drawings for an 18-hole, championship caliber Pantai Mentire Golf Club on the island of Borneo.

Thomas W. Moore has been named as an associate in the firm of **William Zmistowski Associates**, Golf Clubhouse Architects, of Boulder, Colorado. Moore is a graduate of Ball State University and served as project architect for the new clubhouse and maintenance building facilities at Singletree Golf Club in Vail, Colorado.



Jerald Lierman of the Omaha CC recently was named Superintendent of the Year for 1980 by the Nebraska GCSA.

Arnold Bruns has joined the staff of the Pinehurst CC as head golf course superintendent. Bruns moves to Pinehurst from Fair Oaks CC in San Antonio, Texas, where he was superintendent for three years. He was also superintendent at Pharoahs CC in Corpus Christi for three years and Great Hills CC in Austin for two years. Bruns has been a member of the Texas Turf Grass Association for the past 20 years and was one of the founders of the Central Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association. He has also been a member of GCSAA for 20 years. He will direct maintenance for Pinehurst's six courses, a total of 108 holes.

H.G. Nordmann, Jacobsen Vice President, Controller, will be acting General Manager for the **Jacobsen Division** of Textron Inc., following the resignation of **Thomas Bruns**, President. Bruns left to assume a position in another company, according to **Egil G. Ruud**, Group Vice President, Textron.

David Volkmann, formerly customer service specialist in manufacturing at **Mallinckrodt, Inc.'s** St. Louis plant, has been promoted to customer service coordinator for the specialty chemicals division. Volkmann joined Mallinckrodt in June, 1972.

Terry Brady was recently appointed field service manager for the Western Turf Sales Division of the **Rain Bird Sprinkler Mfg. Corporation**, according to Turf Marketing Manager **Rex Dixon**. Brady will be responsible for all field activities relating to Rain Bird Western sales.

Denver Brass & Copper Co., Denver, Colorado, and a French firm, **Cogefrance**, Paris, have been named co-winners of the Distributor of the Year award from the **Weather-matic Division** of Telsco Industries. The winners were announced during the recent sales meeting at Rancho de los Caballeros in Wickenburg, Arizona.

Howard Rotavator Company in Harvard, Illinois, has appointed **Chris Burden** to the Position of Director of Marketing Services, and **Clyde Morter** to Marketing Manager.

The Heckendorn Corporation, Cedar Point, Kansas, is a new distributor for **Sensation's** full line of lawn maintenance equipment for the states of Kansas and Oklahoma.

William Fletcher has been appointed engineering manager for Telsco Industries. He will direct Telsco's new products research and development program, as well as supervise engineering activities to improve current product lines.

Ms. Kelli R. Sneed, a junior at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and a major in Landscape Architecture, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship grant given by **Weather-matic Division of Telsco Industries**.



The Idea File

Irwin Hearsh, Manager
Rancho California golf resort
Pemecula, CA

Better irrigation

Rancho California was built around its irrigation and drainage system. The course was built for maintenance and golfers who shoot between 85 and 100, although it has a USGA rating of 72.2. Valcon, new all-fiberglass, controllers are used for the irrigation system. (Featured next month in New Products.) The system is programmed to run for six minute cycles, four times a day. This method of watering has realized a 20 percent water savings for the course, with no runoff and good infiltration. Hearsh reports that *Poa annua* is receding, due to the rootzone watering technique and that the Pennfine on the course is getting thicker with deeper roots. **GB**