

# Off The Fringe

## Business briefs

### ClubCorp gets bigger

Dallas-based ClubCorp just got bigger. It recently acquired the Golf Club at Cinco Ranch and Greatwood GC near Houston. ClubCorp also recently opened Links GC, Port Douglas in Queensland, Australia, the second ClubCorp facility in Australia.

### IGM signs up Hunting Hills

International Golf Maintenance signed a maintenance agreement with Hunting Hills CC, an exclusive golf course community in Roanoke, Va. "Hunting Hills is known for outstanding, pure bentgrass greens," said Scott Zakany, executive vice president of Lakeland, Fla.-based IGM.

### E-Z-GO extend agreements

Augusta, Ga.-based E-Z-GO Textron has renewed its multi-year agreements for utility vehicles and golf cars with American Golf Corp., which has more than 320 courses that host more than 12 million rounds of golf annually, and ClubCorp, which has more than 220 properties.

### Profile acquires Conwed

Buffalo Grove, Ill.-based Profile Products LLC, a manufacturer of inorganic soil amendments and hydraulically applied mulches, recently purchased Conwed Fibers, a Conover, N.C.-based manufacturer of wood-based hydraulic mulch products.

### Ewing named Hunter distributor

Phoenix-based Ewing Irrigation Products is the new Hunter Golf distributor in California, Arizona, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma and south Texas. Ewing represents the complete Hunter Golf product line in those states, and will provide technical and field support.

## Golden Opportunity

By Frank Andorka, Associate Editor

**W**ith luck, George Lynn will get more than a gold watch when he retires from The Woodstock Club in Indianapolis. He has certainly earned it.

For 50 years, Lynn kept the course in excellent playing condition for its members, and he says it will be hard for him to leave the course.

"I'm going to miss watching the sun rise in the morning over the course," says Lynn, 70. "When I'm here, I feel as if I'm home. It'll be hard to walk out of here on my last day."

The Woodstock Club, a private nine-hole course, was founded in 1915, and Lynn became superintendent in 1950. He says the best part of his job is the members turned the course over to him and let him do what he needed to do to keep it in shape. In fact, he has never worked with a budget — whenever he needed equipment or chemicals, he would go to the club president and ask for the money. It's a system that Lynn says has worked well.

"The members of this course are as fine a group of people as I've ever known," Lynn says. "I've never asked for anything unreasonable, and they've never given me any hassles."

He hasn't decided when his last day will be, but Lynn says the new superintendent shouldn't hesitate to call him for advice next spring. Lynn



George Lynn will miss sunrises, but he's looking forward to retirement.

has already received calls from his peers inquiring about the job.

"I've received a couple of calls asking me to put in a good word for them," Lynn says, laughing. "It's a great job. It's not all that stressful and the people are fabulous."

Lynn says he's looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 53 years, his five children and his 13 grandchildren.

"It's hard for me to admit, but I'm like everyone else: I've slowed down a little bit as I've gotten older," Lynn says. "I'm ready to spend some time at home."