

## UW-Madison Diagnostic Labs

The UW-Madison has a service that can be of great help to Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents. The Departments of Entomology and Plant Pathology operate an insect and plant disease diagnostic laboratory, in the capable hands of Entomologist Phil Pellitteri and Plant Pathologist Sister Mary Francis Heimann. The lab was established to provide accurate insect and disease identification and control recommendations.

The procedures to follow include sending the sample through your Agricultural or Horticultural Extension Agent — this will give results back to you more quickly than sending them to the lab directly.

The service is free of charge. A real effort is made to return the diagnosis quickly, and results are usually forthcoming in two to three days.

## Speakers Needed

Jim Prussa has requested volunteers to participate as speakers at the 1985 GCSAA Convention and Show to be held in Washington, D.C. If you are interested, and many of you have the talent to do so, contact Jim at GCSAA Headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas.

## Reminder from Rod Johnson

Rod Johnson wants to remind all WGCSA members of the weekend get-a-way planned for this fall at Devil's Head Lodge in Merrimac. The outing is scheduled for October 12th and 13th. More details and specifics will be sent to everyone during August. Keep that weekend open for a really great time!

## News from Scotts

Tom Wentz and Dick Evenson are very enthusiastic about several new products on the market and now available from Scotts. A couple of new fertilizer materials, introduced as a result of input from many Golf Course Superintendents around the country, are now available. There has been a lot of interest expressed for a low N/high K fertilizer, as well as for a sulfur-coated product. The R&D Division of Scotts has responded with a 16-0-30 product with  $K_2SO_4$  as the potash source. Their new sulfur-coated product is unique in that it is a slow release encapsulated fertilizer (SREF) with no wax or earth coating needed to hold the material together and to maintain its proper physical properties. Scotts has also entered the flowable fungicide market with a fluid product that has a fairly wide

spectrum of control. Both Dick and Tom were pleased that Scotts were also able to release another granular fungicide for pythium control. This product has Subdue as its active ingredient.

Evenson, chair of the WGCSA Golf Committee, is also doing a fair amount of grousing about his "lousy" golf game!

## Wisconsin Fourth in New Golf Courses

The National Golf Foundation released figures on new golf course construction for 1983, and Wisconsin ranked fourth on the list with new courses opened for play in 1983. The only other cold-weather state in the top six was Minnesota. Florida finished first, to no one's surprise, and Texas came in second. It was curious that California, with all of its warm weather, tied Wisconsin for fourth, along with Arizona.

## Suzanne Bell's Article to Appear in GCM Magazine

Suzanne Bell and the Editor of **GRASSROOTS** have given permission to *Golf Course Management* Magazine to reprint her article from the May/June 1984 issue of the **GRASSROOTS**. The article was entitled "Confessions of the Wife of a Golf Course Superintendent." Christopher Caldwell, in a conversation with this editor, commented on Suzie's warm and comfortable writing style and added that this subject had been written about before but probably never as well. The article is tentatively scheduled for publication in the July issue of GCM. Congratulations!

## Hanley Adds Staff Person

Hanley Implement has hired an additional Sales Representative for their Turf Division. He is Dean Lund. Dean is a recent graduate of the UW-Madison where he earned a B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering. He has a farm background and has worked in agricultural-related businesses during summers while he was attending college.

## Wisconsin Turf Honored

Distributor of the year honors were awarded to Wisconsin Turf Equipment Corporation at the GCSAA Convention and Show in Las Vegas last February. They received both the Sales and the Service Awards in the same year, an accomplishment that is very unusual. The award was presented to them by the Jacobsen

Division of Textron Inc. Congratulations to Curt Larson and his staff.

## Kienert Article Appears In GCM Magazine, Too

Mark Kienert's article on the Rubigan/overseeding program at North Hills Country Club that appeared in the last issue of the **GRASSROOTS** was also printed in the May 1984 issue of *Golf Course Management* magazine. Mark joins Bill Roberts and Bill Rogers as recent contributors to the official GCSAA journal.

## Horst Receives Industry Awards

Horst Distributing of Chilton, a WGCSA member and **GRASSROOTS** advertiser, recently received word of two industry awards for 1983. They received the Turfco-Sodmaster Sales Achievement Award and were presented the Lebanon Sales Achievement Award. John Mortimer and his staff have a long tradition of recognition from the companies and manufacturers they represent. They also received a Jacobsen Turf Service Award, their eighth such note in the last nine years, and this included the top service award in 1980.

John also is proud to announce that Greg Kallenberg will be joining the company to assist Ron Schumacher and Dennis Robinson in serving customer accounts. Greg and his family will reside in Eagle River and he will work with the northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan regions. Greg has golf course experience at Pine Hills C.C., Camelot C.C. and Port Washington C.C.

Plans for the Horst Field Day and Golf Outing are firmed up, and the event is now scheduled for September 11. Details will be forthcoming to Horst clients.

## Brayton Meetings Announced

Jay Powell, Sales Rep for Brayton Chemicals, Inc. has released information about their first Wisconsin Summer Meetings. A morning meeting will be held on August 15 at Edelweiss Chalet Country Club in New Glarus. The meeting will begin at 8:00 and the guest speaker will be Dr. Robert Shearman from the University of Nebraska.

There will be an afternoon meeting on the same day. This meeting will be held at the Public Events Center on the University of Wisconsin Arlington Experiment Station. The speaker at this meeting will be Dr. Bob Newman, Professor of Horticulture at the UW-Madison. Dr. Newman will be speaking on herbicides and will lead a tour of turfgrass research plots at the Arlington Farm.

Brayton will be sending a mailing to all Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents that will detail these meetings.