



SPREADING THE BREEZE



By Rod Johnson & Mike Semler

What a fall it's been. Over 15 inches of rain during the month of September in the Sheboygan rain gauge. From all reports no areas of the state were spared from the deluge. The wet month of September combined with some dry times earlier in the season mean nothing more than we met our average yearly rainfall. (Should probably be re-named "The Average of the Year's Extremes.")

The rains curtailed golf everywhere with many courses closed for days at a time. **Bob Musbach** reports that the rains had a dramatic effect on one of his members' golf games. It seems everytime the guy tried a long iron shot he fell out of his canoe.

Congratulations are in order to **Ray Knapp** and his crew at Tuckaway for the fine conditions they provided dur-

ing this years GMO. The annual event was held during September's monsoons. Having attended both Friday's and Sunday's round, I will attest to the incredible job done. Way to go Ray!

I propose that Editor **Monroe Miller** take his writing to the Farmers Almanac or National Weather Service. For those of us who are keeping score here's what happened. Last November Monroe wrote an article titled "Let It Snow". Thanksgiving weekend brought knee deep snow. Early in July he wrote about the "Dog Days of Summer" and wasn't mid-July pleasant. In Sheboygan, next to Mother Natures Air Conditioner we had five consecutive days of 95 degrees plus temperatures. Grass was wilting faster than an overheated dog pants. The third and most convincing writing was last spring when Monroe wrote of finishing projects before Labor Day 1986. His long

range "Bunyons" called for a second consecutive wet fall. We all know now of record rainfalls and hundred year floods. So you know why, if the Bald Soothsayer mentions earthquake, I'm heading for cover!

Tolerant and loving wife
Home and family
A well trained competent crew
National Organization, Conference and Show
Knowledgeable Greens Chairman
Small, lightweight fairway mowers
Greens that hung in there another year
Incredibly good friends
Valuable help and information shared
Independent thinking and success
No one shot me after last issue's poison
Golf, the game of a lifetime

NEWS

CLIPPINGS

Legg Promoted

David Legg has been promoted by Ransomes Inc. of Johnson Creek to the position of Marketing Services Manager for the company. He formerly was Ransomes' North American Sales Manager - Turf Reel Products. His new responsibilities will keep him in his Johnson Creek office more than his previous job.

A native of Ipswich, Suffolk, England, Dave came to the United States in 1981. He resides in Sun Prairie with his wife Rosie and sons Mathew and Daniel. 1987 will mark David's 20th year with the Ransomes Group.

WTA Winter Turfgrass Conference Set

The 1987 Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Annual Meeting and Winter Turfgrass Conference is

scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 1987 at the Waukesha County Expo Center in Waukesha. This year's meeting will be held in the Arena Building, a move which will give more rooms for simultaneous presentations. The WTA will be mailing all WGCSA members information regarding registration.

The program for 1987 will include increased exhibition participation, more of the formal lecture presentations than last year, some workshop sessions and a big screen video film. Coffee, rolls and an excellent noon luncheon will be included in the registration. Registration will be available on a prepaid and an at-the-door payment basis. The 1986 issue of "Wisconsin Turfgrass Research Results" will be given to the WTA members at the meeting.

Please make plans to attend this ever growing conference. It is Wisconsin's own!

WGCSA Directors and Officers Elected

The 1986 annual meeting of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association was held on November 3 at Fond du Lac and the new officers and directors of the Association were chosen. Re-elected for another year were President Bill Roberts, Vice-President Roger Bell, Secretary Rod Johnson and Treasurer Bruce Worzella. Pat Norton and Mike Semler were voted to seats on the Board of Directors.

