

During 1964, Frank Ditter fell into ill health and sold the company to John Kinkead (of the National Mower Company) and Jim Trunk. John and Jim immediately sold the Aircraft Ski portion of the business and continued solely as a turf equipment manufacturer under the name of SodMaster.

After five years the company was sold again, this time to Jacobsen Mfg. Company. Jacobsen then chose Bill Kaercher to be the General Manager of the SodMaster Division. Bill had joined Federal Aircraft as a design engineer in 1946 and was instrumental in the development of all the SodMaster products. SodMaster remained part of the Jacobsen family until 1978, when Bill Kaercher and John Kinkead purchased SodMaster and changed the name to Turfco Mfg. Inc.

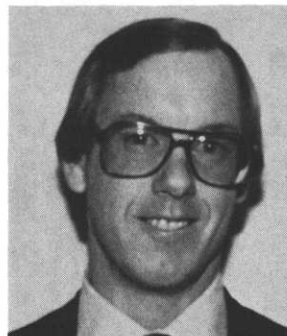
During the past few years Turfco has continued to develop new products. The Meteor-Matic II Tow Type Topdresser, introduced in 1981, has greatly reduced the time and work involved in the topdressing process. The new Model "A" Turf Cutter, introduced in 1984, greatly simplified the approach to sodcutting for landscape and turf repair applications.

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Scott Kaercher manages the sales and manufacturing activities.

Today, in spite of the many changes that have taken place over the past 45 years, many of the same people are still working in the same building on Washington Avenue, manufacturing specialized turfcare equipment.

EDITOR'S CORNER



by DOUG MAHAL
Chairman
Editorial Committee

At the last annual meeting of the M.G.C.S.A., Article XI Code of Ethics was adopted into the bylaws of our association. It's the opinion of the Board of Directors that this Code of Ethics be strictly observed by all members of M.G.C.S.A. to maintain the high professional standards of the association. A new Code of Ethics Committee (John Nylund, Dale Caldwell, Scott Hoffman and Lyle Olson) has been formed to discuss and suggest appropriate action in cases which violate our code. If any member is aware of such a violation, please don't hesitate to give one of the committeemen a call. Maintaining professional standards of service and conduct is a responsibility the Board of Directors encourages and welcomes. For those who are not aware of the code or have not seen it, a copy is being published in this issue.

A typographical error was made in the dates for our monthly meetings in October at Golden Valley and November at the Hanson House. The correct date for our Golden Valley meeting is October 9 (not the 19th) and the date for our Hanson House meeting is November 12 (not the 2nd). Please make a note of these changes.

Thanks go out to our member contributors for their articles in the March HOLE NOTES. We
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appreciate the efforts of Larry Thornton, Keith Scott, Mike Leitner and Drs. White and Stienstra. The creative and technical information in the minds of our membership should be utilized. Please let me know if you've got a topic which might interest M.G.C.S.A.

M.G.C.S.A. has gotten an invitation to attend an equipment show sponsored by our allies in the turf profession - members of the state park and recreation association. A spokesman for the park and recreation group has stated that this equipment show will contain machinery used by all turf management professions and will be held in a location where one might get a good hands-on look at this turf maintenance equipment. The date for this event is June 13. The board hopes many of our members can attend, not only to look at the equipment, but also to create some positive ties with our allied group of managers. Mark that Wednesday on your calendar.

Thanks to Keith Scott and Jim Wodash for the work done in organizing our March Mini-Seminar. The day always proves to get us stimulated for the coming golf season. Great job, gents. And thanks to Larry Vetter, Dr.

Stienstra, Dr. White, Dr. Watson and John Wiley for taking time from their busy schedules to update us all on what's happening. They got me thinking again.

Have a great April. Spring usually gets sprung in this month. Hope to see you all down in Owatonna on the 16th for a little early golf perhaps.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WERE ACCEPTED INTO MEMBERSHIP OF OUR ASSOCIATION:

Bill Bologna, Class BII; Steve Jaenke, Class BII; Bill Larson, Student; Baard Lovaas, Class B; Paul Mayes, Class B; Jeff McIlrath, Class BII; Gary Miller, Class BII; Mike Nelson, Class BII; Harold Newville, Class B; Mike Whitehead, Class D; Robert Wyatt, Class F; Joseph Check, Class F; Kirby Burmeister, Class F; Scott Weiler, Class F; Dale Walesheck, Class F.

THE FOLLOWING WERE REINSTATED:

Bill Peitz, Class D; Robert Weston, Class A.

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES WERE MADE FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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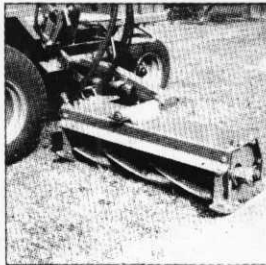
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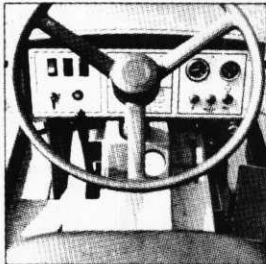
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