

UPDATE

U.S. leads world in courses, golfers

According to the National Golf Foundation, the United States leads the world in the number of golf courses and golfers.

There are 13,013 golf courses in the country—more than in the world combined and 17,600,000 golfers, more than in the rest of the world.

Data prepared by the National Golf Foundation lists an estimated 21,000 golf courses and 30 million golfers in the world.

As of Jan. 1, 1983, there were 13,013 golf courses and 17.6 million golfers in the United States. These figures were compiled by the NGF with the number of golfers including casual golfers who play less than 15 rounds a year.

Listed below are figures supplied to the Foundation by 14 golf associations in foreign (non-U.S.) countries, indicating the number of courses and golfers. No figures were received from Germany, Spain, Mexico and those in Africa and South America. Without these figures, the estimated number of golf courses and golfers in the world is conservative.

Country	Golf Courses	Golfers
1) United States	13,013	17,600,000
2) Great Britain (& N. Ireland)	2,035	1,128,469
3) Australia	1,324	350,000
4) Canada	1,140	—
5) Japan	1,200	10,000,000
6) Scotland	444	600,000
7) New Zealand	380	120,000
8) S. Africa	360	60,000
9) Argentina	250	—
10) Sweden	162	101,000
13) Korea	83 (incl. 58 ranges)	160,000
12) Italy	68	14,859
13) Netherlands	36	15,000
14) Switzerland	28	8,000
TOTAL	20,523	30,157,328

Oakwood's McLaren dead at 79

Malcolm E. "Mal" McLaren, 79, former golf course superintendent at Canterbury Golf Club and Oakwood Club in Cleveland, died in February.

McLaren was credited as being a pioneer in the development of turf machinery and in weed control methods and was one of the first to use sodium arsenite to counteract clover and poa annua.

He was president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in 1952 and was a former president and longtime director of the Northern Ohio Chapter, GCSA.

McLaren was born in Buffalo and came to Cleveland in the early 1920s. In 1924, he was named assistant superintendent at Canterbury and eventually was promoted to the top job. McLaren stayed there until 1946 when he took a job as superintendent at Oakwood Club. He retired in 1965 and began working as a turf and irrigation consultant for Lakeshore Equipment and Supply Co. in Elyria, OH, until he suffered a series of strokes.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret.

INDUSTRY

RIS Irrigation opens Florida facility

The RIS Irrigation Systems has opened a new manufacturing facility in Sanford, FL, its first in the East Coast, according to Tom Kimmell, vice president of marketing.

The 14,000 square feet facility will initially manufacture various types of irrigation tubing for shipment west of the Rockies, including the principal



New RIS facility.

RIS sales centers of Texas, Florida, Michigan and the Carribean.

"The Newly-completed plant is an integral part of our long-range growth plans which have also included recent expansion of RIS' El Cajon, CA, headquarters," Kimmel explained.

Kimmell said that the Sanford operation will also serve as an RIS Eastern dealer service center. There will be both technical and sales representatives to help meet dealers' needs. Phil LeBlanc will be the regional manager.

"This will enable us to ensure the most efficient possible service," Kimmel added. "Both RIS products and technical expertise will be readily available to our more than 80 eastern dealers."

LANDSCAPE

Laatsch tapped for CLIC presidency

Neville Laatsch of Valley Crest Landscape Inc., San Diego Division, has been elected 1983 president of the California Landscape & Irrigation Council Inc.

Laatsch succeeds Barry Mohon of Imperial Landscape Co., Brea, the 1982 president.

Officers elected to the council's new board of directors include president-elect Roland Tittle of Habco Land-

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