

## UPDATE

### NGF's Rossi to retire

Don A. Rossi will retire from the National Golf Foundation effective June 1, after serving 13 years as its executive director.

Rossi, 64, has been on special assignment for the Foundation since Jan. 1 and will continue on a consulting basis after his retirement, according to NGF President Frank M. Smith Jr. At press time, there were no immediate plans to name a successor.

Many of the National Golf Foundation's ties with major golf organizations worldwide as well as in the U.S. have been credited to Rossi. In 1976, in conjunction with the British Golf Foundation, Rossi organized and participated in the first annual international golf development meeting in London. Rossi also played a role in the formation of the Allied Association of Golf "in order to have a better idea of what we (the major golf organizations) were doing so that we didn't duplicate efforts."

Rossi said he was especially proud of the development of the Associate Member program and the growth of the Golf Market Report. The Associate Member program has grown in 14 of its 17 years of existence while the Golf Market report, which reaches all NGF members, has kept pace.

"Will I be sad to leave the Foundation?" asked Rossi. "Unequivocally, yes. The Foundation begins a new era under Frank Smith and he has proven himself a dynamic leader. With Frank and our very golf-oriented Board of Directors, our future will be bright."

### Berman is NCA president

Harold B. Berman has been elected president of the National Club Association, effective until the annual meeting in May 1983. The vacancy was created by the death of NCA President Sam M. Berry.

Berman has been a member of the NCA Board of Directors since 1974, and served as its vice president for four years. He is a past president of the Columbian Country Club of Dallas, Carrollton, TX, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Quadrant Club, Dallas, TX. Berman is past president and a director of the Texas Recreation and Sports Association.

A native Texan, Berman is president of the law firm of Berman, Fichtner and Mitchell of Dallas. His firm specializes in estate planning and probate, but also practices real estate, corporate and club law. As a member of the American Bar Association, Berman served as NCA's keynote speaker at the recent ABA meeting requesting that the group rescind its policy redefining private clubs as public accommodations. The rescission was voted on favorably.

### Afaganis keynoter at CGSA show

Ernie Afaganis, CBC Television sportscaster, will be the keynote speaker at the 24th Annual Canadian Turfgrass Conference and Show March 13-16 at the Edmonton Inn, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

A native of Alberta, Afaganis has been golfing for more than 40 years, starting out as a caddy at the Old Country Club in Lethbridge.

Afaganis is in his fourth season as host of CBC Sports, "Sportsweekend" and has covered the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane. His golf show, "Par 27", seen in Alberta, is in its 19th year.

The 34th Annual Turfgrass Conference and Show will also feature more than a dozen experts from all segments of the turfgrass industry and a three-day trade show with the latest in turf maintenance equipment and supplies on display. For more information, contact the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association, 698 Weston Road, Suite 32, Toronto, Ontario, M6N 3R3, (416) 767-2550.

Larger courses, however, such as Lakeside Golf Club in Hollywood, CA, Woodmere Country Club on Long Island and Mariner Sands in Stuart, FL, are holding their own.

Mike Heacock at Lakeside said his budget will increase for 1983.

"We have tightened up on our procedures, though," he said. "We still buy anything we can justify. We've also gone to reclaimed water to irrigate, but more for conservation purposes than economic."

Richard McGuinness at Woodmere

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says his course has kept right in step with inflation.

"This type course (18-hole, private) is somewhat recession-proof," he said. We also have excellent maintenance procedures. We work on a dormant feed program and it's proven very cost-effective."

Mariner Sands is part of a real estate development and cannot afford to cut back any of its beautification plans because the course is the main selling point of the housing development, according to its superintendent Kevin Downing.

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Jim Ross, superintendent at the Santa Teresa Golf Club in San Jose, CA for the past year, said the dealers he uses have been helpful in giving 90 to 120 days same-as-cash.

Robert Mitchell of Lockhaven Country Club in Alton, IL, said his suppliers are agreeing to "split deliveries."

"That way we can buy in bulk, but not have to store what we buy until we need it," Mitchell said.

Many superintendents who've never used growth retardants and select-