

NGF backs management school

The National Golf Foundation has established a new, two-year Golf Management School at Oglebay, a resort and municipal park operated by the Wheeling, West Virginia, Park Commission.

The Foundation will participate in an advisory capacity, according to NGF President Frank Smith, appointing three of the seven members of the Board of Regents, helping establish curricula and providing educational materials.

The school hopes to provide an improvement of the operational skills for managers of public golf facilities.

"We believe there is a need for such a school," said Smith, "and know the combined expertise of Oglebay and the Foundation will make the venture successful."

Ralph Cryder, director of the Los Angeles County Park System, will chair the Board of Regents. Field Services Director Joe Much will coordinate the Foundation involvement.

The first five-day session is scheduled for Jan. 8-12, 1984. A \$200 fee will cover tuition, books and supplies. Registrants are expected to participate in both the 1984 and '85 sessions.

More information is available from Randy Worls, Oglebay, Wheeling, WV, 26003, (304) 242-3000.

Robinson elected president of ASGCA

Ted Robinson of Laguna Niguel, CA, is the new president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

Robinson, a graduate of the University of California, received his Master's degree in urban planning and landscape architecture from the University of Southern California. In 1954, he established his own practice and was involved in land planning, subdivisions, park design and golf course architecture. In the late 1970s, Robinson began concentrating his efforts on golf course architecture.

Other officers elected at the annual meeting in Dallas recently were Dr. Michael Hurdzan, Columbus, OH, vice president; John Watson, Lachute, Quebec, Canada, secretary; and Ken Killian, Palatine, IL, treasurer.

The society, headquartered in Chicago, is comprised of leading golf course architects in Canada, Mexico and the U.S.

Nugent forms own design company

Golf course architect Dick Nugent has formed a new golf course design firm, Dick Nugent Associates of Palatine, IL.

Formerly a partner in Killian and Nugent, Inc., Nugent has been instrumental in the design of dozens of the nation's top courses including Kemper Lakes golf course, home of the Illinois PGA; Tuckaway Country Club, site of the Milwaukee Open; and Sand Creek golf course, Bethlehem Steel's new course near Burns Harbor, IN. He has also been involved in the remodeling of many established clubs such as Medinah, renovated for the 1975 U.S. Open.

IRRIGATION

Royal Coach/Buckner buys Valtronix assets

Royal Coach/Buckner, a Fresno, CA irrigation equipment manufacturer, has purchased the assets of Valtronix Manufacturing Co. of South El Monte, CA.

Mel Canterbury, vice president of Royal Coach/Buckner said, "This acquisition will provide us with a full line of industrial grade plastic valves for turf and irrigation applications in 1 inch through 3 inch sizes with a standard angle/globe configuration complete with plug. These complement our brass valve lines."

"The pressure regulator series features a moisture-proof, adjustable pressure regulator with a locking device to maintain steady outlet pressure settings regardless of changing inlet flow. The contamination-resistant series handles dirty water and effluent systems and has a 3-way solenoid, normally closed. In addition, the line includes electric 2-way solenoid and hydraulically normally open series diaphragm valves."

The valve bodies are molded of 30 percent glass-filled nylon with metal inserts or studs molded into the bodies. All have a large oversize handle to adjust flow and a manual bleed screw. Component parts are corrosion resistant.

In other news from Royal Coach/Buckner, David Truttman has been named manager of the newly-established Technical Services Section of the Marketing Department. Truttman will be responsible for technical literature and sales aids including show planning, visual presentations, co-op advertising and the Royal Coach/Buckner Advantage, a quarterly in-house publication.

GARDENING

Gardening tips available on radio

Gardens for All, The National Association for Gardening, based in Burlington, VT, has a radio service available to the gardening public—Gardens for All Radio. The service, a taped series of 90-second tips titled, "Helping Your Garden Grow" is being offered to radio stations throughout the country.

"It's one more step toward our goal of providing the most up-to-date information for helping gardeners to be more successful," said Jack Robinson,

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