

### Golf, maintenance continue to grow

Golf is alive, thriving and growing, according to Sandy Eriksson, director of research for the National Golf Foundation, North Palm Beach, FL. At the recent International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Atlanta, Eriksson said there has been a 26.1 percent increase in golf activity over the past five years. New courses opened for play numbered 688 which included 582 regulation, 75 executive and 31 par-3 courses. The short course trend is toward the executive course. The steadily decreasing percentage of private golf facilities will hopefully reverse itself as the post World War II baby boom babies attain more discretionary income and see the private course as an avenue for business and social contacts, according to Eriksson.

The leading states in golf course openings were Florida (127), California (46), Michigan (44), Texas (42), Arizona (32), South Carolina (32), Ohio (18) and Minnesota (15). In the Sunbelt States, especially South Florida, golf courses attached to real estate ventures are still the best drawing card with retirees swelling the golf ranks.

What all these golf courses translate to in maintenance costs, according to a National Golf Foundation estimate, is \$778 million in 1978 as opposed to \$1.2 billion in 1982; that's roughly \$92,000 per course per year average. Those costs can be affected in the future by dropping petroleum prices, better players, better designed courses and superintendents becoming better educated in maintenance procedures, according to Eriksson.

According to the NGF fourth quarter survey, golf activity in 1982 shows that play increased 7.6 percent during 1982 to an estimated 425 million rounds. That figure represents a gain of 30 million rounds over 1981. The U.S. golfing population in 1982 was comprised of 54 percent males, 17 percent females, 7 percent junior (18 and under) and 22 percent seniors (55 and older).

### E-Z-Go's Patterson appointed director

Ronald V. Patterson, president of E-Z Go Golf Car Division of Textron Inc., has been named to the National Golf Foundation's Board of Directors. The announcement was made by NGF Board Chairman Jerry D. Martin.

An Ohio native, Patterson has been in the golf car business for the past 15 years, first as an independent distributor of E-Z-Go golf cars in Ohio and later joining the E-Z-Go sales force as regional manager in February 1972.



### GOLF

#### IGA elects slate of officers

The International Association of Golf Administrators has elected Dennis Davenport, Chicago District Golf Association Executive Director, its 1983 president. Davenport succeeds James Sykes, executive director of the Golf Association of Philadelphia.

The IAGA was founded in 1963 and has an international membership of 53. Its membership is golf administrators, primarily executive directors of golf associations around the world. The Association provides a forum for exchanging ideas and methods of operation, according to Brian Fitzgerald of the Western Golf Association.

At its annual meeting, the IAGA also elected the following officers: Eugene Haas, Wisconsin State Golf Association, vice president; Jan Taylor, Toledo District Golf Association, secretary; and Hal Van Hoy, Carolinas Golf Association, treasurer. Each will serve for a year.

### CHEMICALS

#### Stauffer makes executive changes

Stauffer Chemical Company has announced several executive changes in its Agricultural Chemicals Division, including the appointment of two assistant general managers.

John J. Burke and Donald J. Martin have been named assistant general managers. Joseph S. Chirtel has been named director of manufacturing and David F. Martin is director of marketing. Rodger M. Hankins becomes manager of manufacturing plants and M. Dirck Reichard has been named director of industry relations for the Division.

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#### Radko honored with ASGCA Ross Award

Alexander M. Radko, former National Director of the Green Section, United States Golf Association, has been named the 1983 recipient of the Donald Ross Award presented annually by the American Society of Golf Course Architects to a person who has made significant contributions to golf course architecture.

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