

SHORTCUTS

CADILLAC OF PUTTING GREENS.....PSU 126, a new improved bentgrass, will have been released to the golf course industry by the time you lay your eyes on this article. According to Dr. Joe Duich of Penn State University, the variety will be the Cadillac of golf putting greens.

"We started working on it 13 years ago," Duich says. "Our aim was to develop a better putting green of bentgrass with upright growth. I think we have an interesting product that will be well-received in the industry." The variety will be marketed by Tee-2-Green, Hubbard, Ore.

THE WEED CHART.....Barbara Betz, information specialist at Lesco Inc., tells WT&T that the demand for the Lesco Weed Chart was so great that the company had no choice but to print another one. A new, revised edition of the Weed Chart, complete with quality four-color photos, contains information on 44 grassy and broadleaf leaves commonly found in both the northern and southern U.S. The chart provides information about identification, growth habits and reproductions, and herbicide control. It's available for a reasonable \$2. Write: Weed Chart, Lesco Inc., PO Box 16915, Rocky River, OH 44116.

SPEAKING OF LESCO.....We at WT&T are sad to lose an editorial advisory board member but we're happy for him. Bruce Augustin, turf specialist at the University of Florida in Ft. Lauderdale, has accepted a position as director of technical support with Lesco in Rocky River. He began work this month. A Michigan native, Augustin should be used to the winters he'll face on the shores of Lake Erie.

WILDFLOWER SOD?.....Gene P. Milstein, president of Applewood Seed Co. in Arvada, Colo., says wildflower sod will be a hot item in the future. Yes, you'll roll up the wildflower sod just like turf sod but Milstein says the wildflowers, which will be two-to-three inches high at the time of transport, won't be harmed. For Milstein's thoughts on wildflower sod, you can write him at 5380 Vivian St., Arvada, CO 80002.

'SKIN' WINS LAWN RANGER.....Tony Burnett, chief groundskeeper at R.F.K. Stadium in Washington D.C., home of the Washington Redskins, was named the "Lawn Ranger Award" winner by the Sports Turf Managers Association at their meeting held in conjunction with the GCSAA Show in San Francisco. The award is given annually to the groundskeeper of the year as judged by the ever-growing STMA.

ANDERSONS GO LIQUID.....The Andersons will introduce their first liquid fertilizer products this spring. Available through The Andersons distributors, the products are a 16-2-2 fertilizer, 30-0-0 low-burn nitrogen fertilizer, and a six percent liquid iron product, Lawn Pride, a chelated product.

The position includes responsibility for developing safety and technical education programs. The person would:

- work with state agencies on certification programs;
- establish a national certification program for PLCAA members;
- maintain a liaison relationship with university and industry scientists and associations such as the Public Issues Alert Committee; and
- represent the PLCAA at technical conferences and seminars.

"The growing public concern regarding environmental safety issues was a primary factor in deciding to establish the new position," says PLCAA executive vice-president Jim Brooks. "The association needs a staff person who can effectively work with the increasing number of technical issues facing the PLCAA and the industry."

According to Brooks, the ideal candidate for the position would have at least a master's degree in agronomy, field experience in the lawn care industry, communication skills, and management capabilities. Also, the new director of technical services must relocate to the Atlanta area.

Candidates must send a written resume no later than April 15, 1986 to: Search Committee, PLCAA, 1225 Johnson Ferry Rd. NE, Suite B-220, Marietta, GA, 30067. No telephone calls.

SPORTS TURF

New club launched at Cal Poly-Pomona

Fifteen of 21 members of Cal Poly-Pomona's new Sports Turf Managers Club were on hand at the recent Golf Course Superintendents Association of America trade show in San Francisco, including its president.

The club, which was formed last fall, sponsored a booth at the GCSAA trade show.

"We want it to be known in the turf industry that we would like to be involved," says president Nick Spardy. "We have tours, arrange speakers and get in a lot of practical work through the club. We want to apply all this toward our career."

Ken Williams is vice-president, Bruce Carleton secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Kent Kurtz advisor. Paul Magiera, agricultural council representative, was also at the trade show.

"We've gotten a lot of good feedback," Spardy says. "Everyone's really enthused, and if this works I'd expect to see such clubs at other colleges and universities."