

# SHORT CUTS

**HURRY-UP...OR LEAVE...**Not long ago, the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department proposed a rule that would limit golfers to 4½ hours to play 18 holes on municipal courses. According to the department, some golfers take as long as six hours. Martin Tregman, president of the L.A. Municipal Golf Association foresees troubles, though. "I don't think they (golfers) can be put off forcibly without real problems," he observes. One golfer who was asked to leave a course (for not having proof he paid his greens fee) clobbered the course employee with a golf club, fracturing the employee's skull. "We don't want people getting killed," Tregman says.

**THANKS TO FRED...**Upon recommendation of its turfgrass division, the Crop Science Society of America's board of directors has approved as a C.S.S.A. award the Fred V. Grau Turfgrass Science Award. The award will be presented in recognition of significant career contributions in turfgrass science. Grau, 85, has devoted most of his life to turf and is presently executive director of the Musser International Turfgrass Foundation.

**WINTERTIME BLUES...**Many portions of the country had particularly cold winters, especially in the mid-South. Horticulturists know that if there's wind and low humidity, there's little danger of frost. But in 40-degree temperatures with no wind and high humidity, there's a good chance of frost that can result in damage to delicate ornamentals. "It's an art and a science to escape cold-weather damage," says Norm Freel of Florida's Cypress Gardens. "We work closely with the National Weather Service. Wind direction, cloud formations, humidity and air pressure are also taken into consideration." As guard against loss of plant materials, the Gardens have installed a series of ground pipes to which heaters can be attached and raised as high as the treetops, if necessary.

**'THAT'S A BIG TWINKIE'...**In just one year, American industry produces between 70 billion and 90 billion pounds of hazardous waste, according to information from Georgia Tech. That's 300 to 400 pounds for every person living in the U.S. And by the year 2000, Georgia Tech says, that number could double. It's no wonder the EPA has taken a hard look at the problem of disposal.

**NEVER TOO LATE...**An event which escaped these pages was the presentation of the first "Excellence in Turf Grass Research Award" at the 1986 GCSAA show. It went to Dr. C. Reed Funk of Rutgers University. In making the presentation, Mike Robinson of Seed Research of Oregon said, "His tireless and unselfish dedication to the improvement of turfgrasses has produced the tremendous array of outstanding varieties available for the demanding needs of today's turf manager." WT&T apologizes for the oversight. We'll have announcement of the second annual award next month.

**NEW VARIETY...**To honor the memory of Peter Selmer Loft, a new tall fescue variety, "Tribute," will be introduced by Lofts, Inc. late in 1987. The company also honors its former president with annual scholarship presentations.

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Naragansett is a variety of crabapple introduced by the Arboretum. It has multiple disease resistance and excellent landscape characteristics.

For further information on these and other cultivars, contact horticulturist Donald Egolf at the U.S. National Arboretum, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Washington, DC 20002.

## ATHLETIC TURF

### Don't throw away those valuable blue tags!

Blue tags from some named varieties of certified turfseeds are worth money. The Musser International Turfgrass Foundation (MITF) and National Sports Turf Council (NSTC) are collecting the blue tags to raise money for turfgrass research.

Dr. Fred Grau, executive director of MITF, says the money raised from donated tags will train students in turfgrass science or be used for research and education for better turf and safer sports turf.

Don't throw the tags away. Donate them to the MITF/NSTC.

Send tags to: MITF/NSTC, 4604 Amherst Rd. (for UPS), P.O. Box AA (for mail), College Park, MD 20740.

## ACQUISITION

### Barefoot Lawn acquires Tempo 21

Worthington, Ohio-based Barefoot Grass Lawn Service has acquired two branches of Tempo 21, based in Wheeling, Ill. By merging Barefoot's three Chicago-area branches with the two from Tempo 21, the company will increase its national customer base to about 150,000.

According to Barefoot's Don Nichols, the Tempo 21 merger nearly doubles the market share and customer base in the Chicago area, adding 15,000 customers. This makes Barefoot the second largest lawn care company in the area, Nichols said.

He added that the acquisition brings a number of services that Tempo was performing that Barefoot has not done in the past. Included in this is Tempo's mower repair service. Nichols said the company is still considering whether to continue this service. One service Barefoot is continuing is the telemarketing functions brought with Tempo, Nichols said.

Barefoot has branches serving 23 states, and made *Inc. Magazine's* 1986 list of the nation's fastest growing pri-