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# 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 McGuinnes at Woodmere

"... We work on a dormant feed program and it's proven very costeffective" — Mike Heacock, Lakeside Golf Club, Hollywood, CA

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 costeffective."

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.

Superintendents are getting help from chemical suppliers eager to meet their supply needs economically.

Superintendents are getting help from chemical suppliers eager to work with them in meeting their supply needs efficiently and economically.

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-

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Courses are still trying to make improvements within the boundaries of their budgets and many share the same feeling as Richard McGuinnes of Woodmere.

Maureen Hrehocik, Associate Editor

#### HORTICULTURE

#### Raulston recipient of NC State Chadwick Award

J.C. Raulston, Ph.D., a professor of horticulture at the North Carolina State University/Raleigh, has received the L.C. Chadwick Educator's Award. The award, presented annually by the American Association of Nurserymen, recognizes outstanding horticulture instructors in the classroom and in the industry.

Raulston has traveled extensively compiling industry nursery techniques to use in his classroom instruction. He has developed a 430-page teaching manual on nursery production and management, which is used as a standard reference source. Raulston is active in the Student Horticulture Club and is a lecturer on horticultural topics to the public and nursery industry.

#### SEED Williamson names Doyle national accounts manager

Thomas J. Doyle has been named national accounts manager of the Eastern Region for Garfield Williamson, Inc., a lawn seed and fertilizer supplier in the Northeast. Doyle worked for 12 years with the O.M. Scott Company where he was Salesman of the Year for eight of the 12 years, has chain-store merchandizing and promotion experience and has worked for a major food brokerage firm serving the New York metropolitan area.

#### EQUIPMENT

#### Toro reports smaller loss in first quarter

The Toro Company reported a net loss of \$2.3 million or 48 cents per share on sales of \$32.5 million for its first quarter which ended Oct. 29, 1982. The loss compares with a net loss of \$6.5 million or \$1.24 per share on sales of \$23.8 million in the first quarter the previous year.

The size of the loss was reduced by a non-recurring net gain of \$466,000 after tax resulting from the retirement of industrial revenue bonds in Mason City, IA.

Toro President Kendrick B. Melrose said he was pleased with the results from the first quarter which is historically the company's weakest.

"Our turnaround continues on schedule and I would expect the company to show a quarterly profit in the very near future," Melrose said. "However, we remain concerned about the softness of the consumer economy in all of the markets we sell."

Stephen F. Keating, chairman of Toro's Executive Committee, said the greatest factor in the 37 percent increase in sales was the increase in snowthrower business where sales improved from \$2.8 million in fiscal 1982 to \$11.4 million this year.

"We have had reasonably good retail movement of snowthrowers this fall," Keating said, "especially in areas that experienced heavy snowfall late last *Continued on page 16* 

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# LANDSCAPE

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# UPDATE

## Architects averaged \$31,700

The average salary of a recent American Society of Landscape Architects survey was \$31,718. Pacific region landscape architects have the highest income (\$34,507) and midwestern LAs have the lowest (\$28,566). Public architects make less than private and academic practitioners according to the survey.

The average woman in the survey had less experience, education and a much lower income, but not out of line with experience scales for men. Nine out of ten respondents in the survey were men.



**Susan Gannelli** of Lebanon, OH, and Dale Steadman of Westlake, OH, are instructed by Fred Buscher of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center during the seventh annual landscape design short course held recently in Wooster. More than 1,400 in six states have benefitted from the seminars since 1976.

### **Gibbons nears PGMS presidency**

Often the critical election for association officers is the president-elect rather than the president. This is true for the Professional Grounds Management Society who just elected Jim Gibbons, horticulturist for the San Diego Zoo, president elect. Fred Rigger of the Padonia Corporation in Cockeysville, MD, is president for 1983.

George Eib, superintendent of Forestry and Landscaping for Kansas City, MO, was elected vice-president. Mort Rolsky of Pro Care in Indianapolis, IN, was elected vice-president. Mort Rolsky of Pro Care in Indianapolis, IN, was elected treasurer. winter. Our distributor inventories are being worked down, and we are sold out of the new gas power shovel and several other snowthrower models at the factory level."

Toro's international business showed an improvement during the quarter and its irrigation business was off slightly.

Keating said the company is optimistic about the second quarter because of expectations for "reasonably strong" lawn mower orders based on heavy initial demand for the company's new line of 2-cycle engine walk mowers.

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**Russell Vandehey**, left, an Oregon State University senior, receives a \$500 TUCO Turf Scholarship from Randy King, a representative of TUCO at the recent 36th Northwest Turfgrass Conference in Yakima, WA. The scholarship is awarded for scholastic ability, personal integrity and career interest in turfgrass management. TUCO is part of the Upjohn Company.

#### EQUIPMENT

#### OMC Lincoln announces sales contest winners

OMC Lincoln, manufacturer of the Cushman Front Line tractor-mower, recently announced the winners of a nationwide sales contest for its dealers' salesmen. To qualify, salesmen had to meet unit goals within a specified time. Winners were then picked at random.

First prize winner of the Caribbean cruise was Jerry McKee with Lawn & Turf, Inc., Conyers, GA. Second place winner was Jerry Adank, Illinois Lawn Equipment, Inc., of Orland, Park, IL. He will receive a trip to Atlanta, GA, coinciding with the annual Golf Course Superintendents Association of *Continued on page 18* 

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# GOVERNMENT

# UPDATE

### **EPA director speaks to OTF**

Edwin Johnson, director of Pesticide Programs of the Environmental Protection Agency, told delegates of the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Show in December that pesticide registration procedures have been adjusted and registration activity has increased. The result looks like more new fungicides, growth regulators, and insecticides in the near future.

However, Johnson indicated preliminary results of a pesticide user survey to golf courses show a much higher amount of pesticides per acre used than in agriculture or nursery. Such data could draw critical attention to the use of pesticides by superintendents in the future.

The fact that Johnson, a national figure who has served three administrations as director of pesticide programs, spoke at a state turf conference shows a greater involvement by EPA in state affairs and the increasing sophistication of state turf conferences.

Johnson said pesticide registration activity has increased by half due to efforts to catch up on backlogs, shorten turnaround, and meeting with manufacturers before they submit registration documents.



Johnson urged showgoers to take advantage of comment periods for hearings on legislation to get their views across. He cited an example recently where no comments were received from the nursery or forestry industries on legislation affecting them.

## Followup shows fewer waste sites

A phone followup of a hazardous waste site permit applications found that a fifth of those sites were not actually handling hazardous wastes or were no longer in business. A second part of the application procedure will seek to better identify hazardous wastes stored on sites according to EPA.

Most waste handlers are small operations except for underground injection wells. However, landfills and incinerators are the primary off-site handlers of hazardous wastes. Only 125 facilities said commercial hazardous waste management is their primary business. EPA originally identified 9,863 facilities to survey and the phone followup says only 7,800 of these handled hazardous waste in 1981.

## Tax loss limit may cut tree work

Effective January 1, 1983, casualty losses as a tax deduction are limited to 10 percent of adjusted gross income. This change, "will have a significant effect on the need for tree evaluations for tax purposes," says Robert Felix, executive director of the National Arborist Association. The need for evaluations and appraisals for insurance purposes remains. **NEWS** from page 16

America Show. Third place winner of \$500 in cash was John Barry with Sawtelle Brothers, Swampscot, MA.

#### LANDSCAPE

#### 20 colleges attending ALCA Field Day

Richland College in Dallas, TX will host the Seventh Annual ALCA Student Field Day, scheduled for March 25-27. Over 20 colleges have already planned to participate in this year's events.

The ALCA Student Field Day is a three-day competitive event among students from horticulture programs from colleges and universities across the country. Students have a chance to compete in events which are directly related to the skills necessary in the horticulture industry. The students are also able to meet professional landscape contractors.

For more information, call Richland College at (214) 238-6314 or ALCA at (703) 821-8611.

#### TURF

#### Golf, lawn care highlighted at Penn. Turfgrass Show

Educational sessions in Golf Management and Lawn Care and Grounds Maintenance will highlight the 1983 Pennsylvania Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show, Feb. 28 to March 3 at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey, PA.

The General Sessions Monday afternoon and Tuesday will include discussions on gypsy moth, aerial application of fertilizer and pesticides, the turfgrass seed industry, urban turf management, toxicology, cemetery maintenance, use of microcomputers, ornamental maintenance and turf management at the Greenbrier in West Virginia.

Wednesday and Thursday's programs will offer separate sessions for golf turf and lawn care and ground maintenance. Golf turf sessions will focus on sand injection of greens, sand selection, managing turf under moisture stress, fairway renovation, disease research, winter injury to perennial ryegrass, insects on golf courses, colonial bentgrass breeding, nitrogen uptake and high temperature stress.

The lawn care and grounds maintenance sessions will feature presentations on pre and post-emergent weed control, stadium and practice field *Continued on page 84* 

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