

is, the trailer companies provide a wide range of choices.

Monthly rental plans are also an option. Doug Petersan, superintendent at Baltimore Country Club, is exercising this option for an interim period until a new maintenance center is built. With impending construction expected, it made sense to arrange for a short-term rental versus an outright purchase. Again, every golf course situation is different.

Other costs associated with mobile trailers include utility hookups and the need to satisfy local zoning regulations. Also, once on a foundation, the trailer needs insulation and/or pipe heating, especially for winter protection in the more northern parts of the country. Several golf course superintendents have even chosen to landscape around their offices to make their appearance as good as their function.

Are office trailers the final answer to a better work place? Not really. There are never

any panaceas in golf course management. Mobile offices are an alternative solution, albeit a relatively short-term one or at least an interim step in the upgrading needed for the maintenance areas on many golf courses. Interestingly, one superintendent, Tildon Hankley, at Salisbury Country Club in Salisbury, Virginia, used his office trailer to identify the floor plan and area needs that were ultimately designed into his new office and maintenance facility when it was built at his course. His office trailer truly was an intermediate step.

The use of trailers as interim offices is not a new idea. From time to time we have seen trailers functioning as offices on golf courses. However, as more and more courses begin to use computers, facsimile machines, and other electronic equipment in their offices, the need for a dust-free and relatively climate-controlled office environment has become more important. In addition, more and more golf courses have secretaries/re-

ceptionists, assistant superintendents, and irrigation technicians who require office space to better perform their jobs. As the administrative needs of most golf courses have grown, seldom is there area available for additional office space in most maintenance buildings.

In summary, trailers are logical and cost-effective solutions to the need for additional space and an improved office environment. Such an office improvement can even elevate the professional image of the golf course management team. Even with the various details that need to be satisfied to locate and maintain a trailer as an office, this turf tip could be an option for some golf courses. Certainly, trailers are better work places than some offices we see. Perhaps David Nehila, the assistant superintendent at the Country Club of Maryland, said it best: "You've got to have something to work out of." Mobile trailers, as interim offices, can satisfy this need.

## NEWS NOTES FOR SPRING



Jim Skorulski

### Green Section Staff Changes

The USGA Green Section staff in the Northeastern Region has gone through some changes in recent months. Jim Skorulski has taken over responsibilities as agronomist for the New England area of the Northeastern Region, replacing Jim Connolly, who resigned to join Jacklin Seed Company, based in Idaho. Jim joined the USGA Green Sec-

tion staff in 1989 and has made over 500 Turf Advisory Service visits in the Northeastern Region. He also has authored articles for the *Green Section Record* and other industry publications, and he has spoken on a wide variety of turfgrass and golf course management topics.

A native of New Hartford, New York, Jim earned a Bachelor of Science degree in forest biology from Syracuse University's College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He also attended Cornell University to complete a Master of Professional Studies degree in 1990. His work in graduate school consisted of developing integrated pest management strategies for golf courses.

Robert Y. Senseman, CGCS, has been appointed as the agronomist to replace Jim in the Northeastern Region. Bob joins David Oatis, Director of the Northeastern Region, and will be based out of Golf House. He will be visiting TAS clubs and courses in the Northeast, with the majority of his time concentrated in New Jersey and New York.

Bob joins the Green Section staff with a broad turfgrass background. Most recently he worked as golf course superintendent at Columbia Edgewater Country Club in Portland, Oregon, where he also served as President of the Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association. Bob has worked as a golf course superintendent for the past 12 years in Oregon and California, but he is no



Robert Y. Senseman

stranger to the East. He also worked on a golf course in Washington, D.C., before moving west.

Bob received his Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture from Oregon State University in 1983. He will be relocating to New Jersey with his wife, Mary, and their two children, Christine and Michael. The Green Section joins in welcoming Bob to its staff.

## Grand Slam Golf Course Superintendent



In golf, the term "grand slam" applies to winning the major golf championships. In 1993, the phrase is applied not to a golfer, but to the person in charge of the golf course. Chris Hague (left) was recently awarded a congratulatory plaque from the USGA by Tim Moraghan, Agronomist for Championships, as the first golf course superintendent to play host to the three major USGA Open golf championships. Chris currently is the golf course superintendent at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana, which held the 1993 U.S. Women's Open. Chris also was responsible for preparation of the 1983 Senior Open and 1991 U.S. Open at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota.

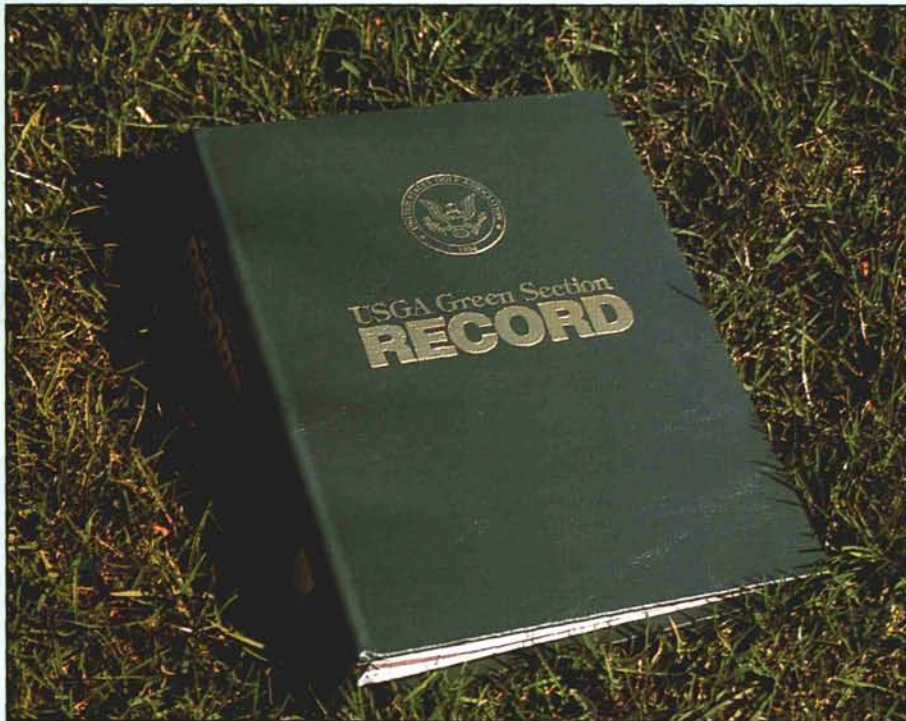
## Donation for Turfgrass Research Program

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Joe Moris (middle) and Kevin Clunis (right), President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association, present a check for the benefit of turfgrass research to Jim Snow, Green Section National Director, who is responsible for the activities of the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Committee. The donation marks the eighth year the MGCSA has contributed to the USGA Turfgrass Research Program. The presentation was made at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Dallas, Texas, in February.

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