Florida Golf Team Wins National Title

We always knew our state had great golfing superintendents but now it is a proven fact. In its initial attempt, our state team won the national championship of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. The tournament site was Industry Hills, California. The event was prior to the 52nd International Conference at Anaheim, California.

Our four man team won by a four-stroke margin over runnerup Rocky Mountain GCSA. Our victorious team was led by Dan Meyers, CGCS, Temple Terrace G&CC of the West Coast Chapter. His pace of 70, 77 also won individual medalist honors. Other teammates were Kevin Downing, CGCS, Atlantis Golf Club, Palm Beach Chapter; Fred Klauk, Pine Tree Golf Club, Palm Beach Chapter; and Robby Robbins, Gainesville G&CC, North Palm Beach Chapter. The team was selected from the three statewide golf tournaments: Poa Annua Classic, Crowfoot Open, and FTGA. Winners and best finishers that are going to the tournament represent the state chapter.

In the individual classes, a 15-20 handicap flight, we also had another winner: Bill Jeffrey, Woodmont Country Club, South Florida Chapter.

The eight low individual scores were challenged by the visiting Scotland team. In a match play format the American team won 7-1

Regulatory Actions

Chlordane can still be used in Florida for subsurface termite control, fire ant control in non-crop areas and for any other use which appears on the label of any chlordane you still have in your possession. The best way to dispose of a pesticide that has either been cancelled or suspended, is to use it according to label directions until existing stocks are depleted. No pesticide has ever been banned in the U.S. A ban is a total cancellation and suspension of all manufacturing and use. Only 3 pesticides have had emergency suspensions issued: 2,4,5-T, Silvex and DBCP. In these cases, it was illegal to use these products for suspended uses, however, they can still be used for some uses. If EPA bans a pesticide, they would probably have to pick up all existing stock, pay invoice price plus 10%, and then safely dispose of the material. This is not likely. Remember, the new regulations allow the “user” to use a pesticide for any pest as long as the site or crop is on the label in the possession of the applicator. The use of chlordane for non-crop fire ant control expires December 31, 1980 and the use of this product for fire ant control in nursery stock in the quarantine program expired December 31, 1979.

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